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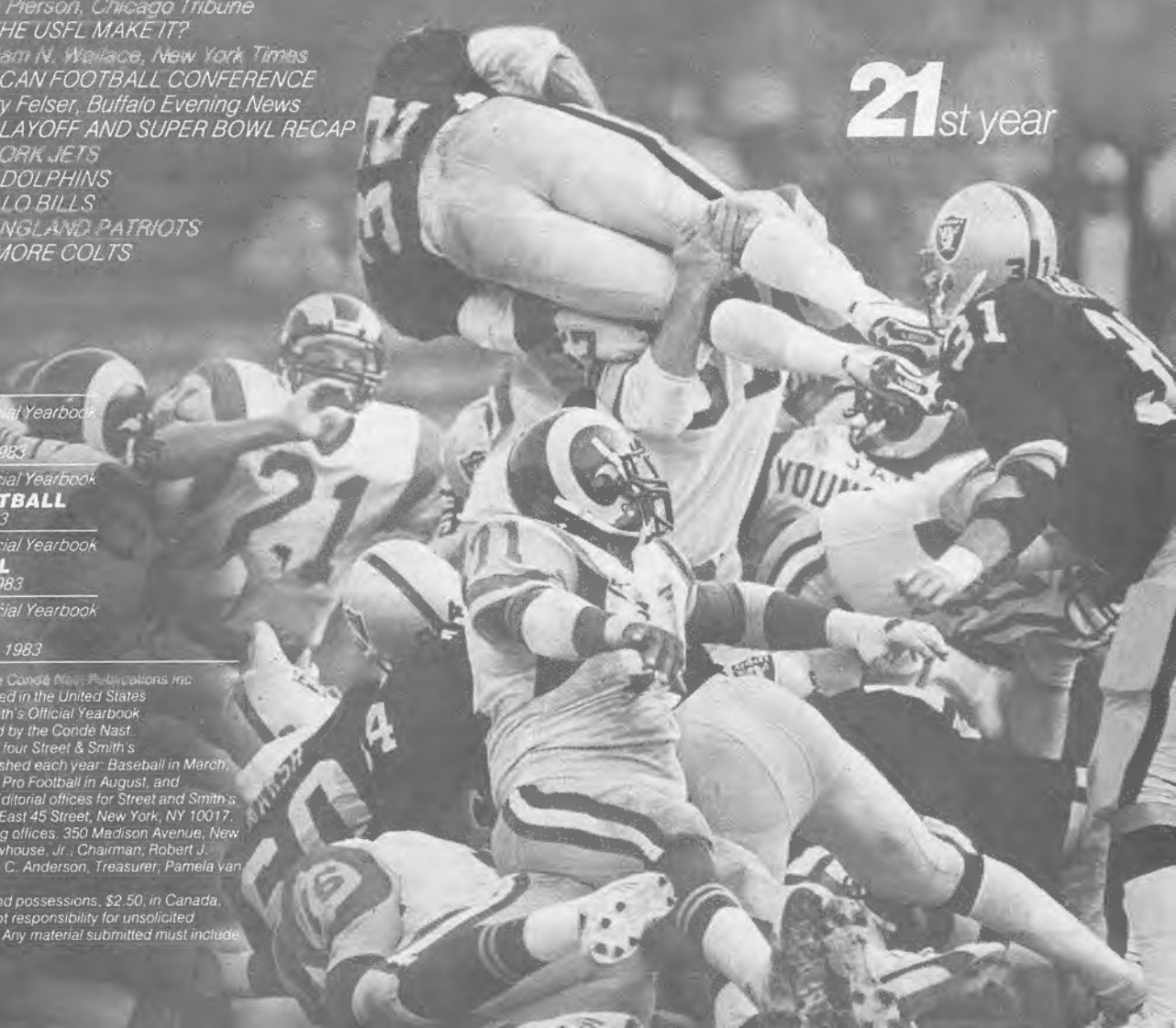
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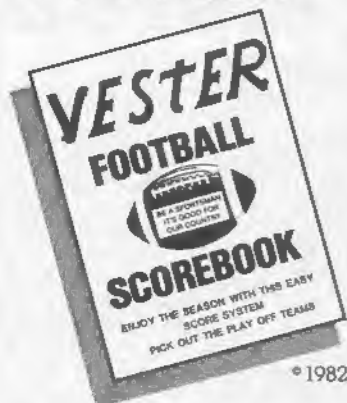
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● Pete Rozelle, the National Football League Commissioner, admitted in a speech before the Super Bowl that 1982 had been "a very distasteful year for players, coaches, and owners of the [NFL]."

Among the problems faced by the league were: a 57-day midseason strike; the disclosures of drug abuse by its players; a court decision that struck down the NFL's refusal to allow Al Davis to move his team, the Raiders, from Oakland to Los Angeles; the confession by the Baltimore Colts' rookie quarterback Art Schlichter that he had suffered heavy, gambling-related financial losses; and accusations in a Public Broadcasting Service program that a coach, a quarterback, and a defensive captain on an unidentified team had conspired to fix 12 games between 1968 and 1970.

"I wish we'd be able to stay off the labor pages and the news pages and stay on the sports pages," Rozelle told Ira Berkow of the *New York Times*. "It's a turnoff to fans to [read] about all this stuff that's not football."

Football did return to the sports pages following the strike settlement in November. The players were divided about whether the eight-week walkout was worth it. The season, albeit a nine-game schedule (with playoffs and Super Bowl) was saved, but only after the NFL Players Association agreed to a package that was not that much different from one the club owners had offered more than two months earlier.

As for the other problems: drug abuse continues to be a concern (the Bengals' Pete Johnson and Ross Browner testified in court in late June that they had bought cocaine from an accused drug dealer on trial in Cincinnati); the Raiders, despite the legal distractions over the move of their franchise, posted the best won-lost record (8-1) in the American Conference before succumbing to the New York Jets in the playoffs; Art Schlichter, after reporting his involvement with gamblers to the FBI, was suspended indefinitely by Rozelle; and the PBS telecast produced more innuendo than evidence to support its accusations.

The Super Bowl helped erase some of the unpleasant memories of the abbreviated season with exciting play by the participants, the Washington Redskins and the Miami Dolphins. The Redskins made it two titles in a row for the National Conference with

a 27-17 victory. A .500 team in 1981, the Redskins dominated their opponents last year, winning eight of nine contests before sweeping through the playoffs. The San Francisco 49ers, who made such a dramatic reversal of form from 1980 (a 6-10 record) to 1981 (13-3 and a Super Bowl triumph), failed to qualify for the postseason tournament last year.

Neither the Redskins nor the 49ers were considered Super Bowl contenders prior to their championship seasons, but they confounded the football seers. As for an unlikely NFL champion in 1983, how about the Baltimore Colts? They finished with the worst record (0-8-1) in the league last year, which entitled them to the first pick in a talent-rich college draft. But after selecting quarterback John Elway, the Colts realized that the Stanford ace was serious about not wanting to play in Baltimore. So they traded him to the Denver Broncos, whose prospects suddenly became that much brighter.

Elway was one of a record six quarterbacks chosen in the first round of the NFL draft. All were selected by AFC teams: Todd Blackledge by the Kansas City Chiefs, Jim Kelly by the Buffalo Bills, Tony Eason by the New England Patriots, Ken O'Brien by the New York Jets, and Dan Marino by the Miami Dolphins. But Kelly shocked the Bills by refusing their offer and signing instead with the expansion Houston Gamblers of the United States Football League, which finished its inaugural campaign last month.

The new league offered collegians another alternative to the NFL and the Canadian Football League while it also improved the bargaining position of some of the more talented players. The USFL signed several prominent college stars (Herschel Walker, Kelvin Bryant, Anthony Carter, Trumaine Johnson, Craig James, and Tim Spencer) and has continued to entice an increasing number of established NFL performers (Dan Ross, Fred Dean, Ray Pinney, Cris Collinsworth, Jim Smith, Joe Cribbs, and Tyrone McGriff) to immediate or future contracts.

The institution of the new league meant that there would be pro football year-round, since USFL training camps opened the day after the Super Bowl and NFL camps opened the week of the USFL's championship game. And that has kept football on the sports pages for 12 months.

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During the 1982 NFL Strike, Danny's Clients weren't bored as he **swept** the College Season recording **only 2** losing weekends all season. He capped off the College Season by going **100%** vs spread on **New Year's Day!** Danny added "frosting to the cake" by finishing with a **sizzling 80%** vs spread during the **College Bowls & Pro Playoffs**. Finally while all the so called experts were picking Miami & "under" in the Super Bowl (Jan. 30, 1983), Danny's Clients were being treated to his **upset pick of Washington (31-17)** & "**over 38**" (final score was 27-17).

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NBC TOMORROW SHOW on October 19, 1978, and correctly picked **4 of 5** (80% vs spread) for the National audience. Danny was also on NBC'S TOMORROW SHOW Jan. 22, 1981 & March 25, 1981. Danny's Super Bowl upset pick of Washington & "over 38" was made on CBS-TV (Jan. 27, 1983) and ABC Radio (Jan. 28, 1983).

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ON THE SPOT *a dozen players*

One of life's great lies, right up there with "The check is in the mail," is something often heard in locker rooms throughout America: "What pressure? I'm a professional athlete and pros don't let themselves be affected by pressure."

In the National Football League, pressure is as much a fact of life as taped ankles. This season, for one reason or another, there will be as much pressure as ever on some of the league's top players. Here are a dozen stars who will feel it more than most.

DAVID WOODLEY Toward the end of last year, the headline in a Miami newspaper read "Woodley: A Year Older and Ready." It referred to the performance of the Dolphins' young quarterback in two late-season games against Baltimore and New England, which sent his team into the Eastern Division championship during 1982's truncated season. Woodley resembled a young Bob Griese in those games. The resemblance was even more striking when the Dolphins blasted San Diego in the playoffs.

Those games proved that Woodley could excel against NFL defenses which range from poor to mediocre. Beyond teams of that caliber, there is little proof that he should be ranked with Griese. When the Dolphins beat the New York Jets, 14-0, in the American Conference championship game, the Miami offense, in effect, was the play of A.J. Duhe, the

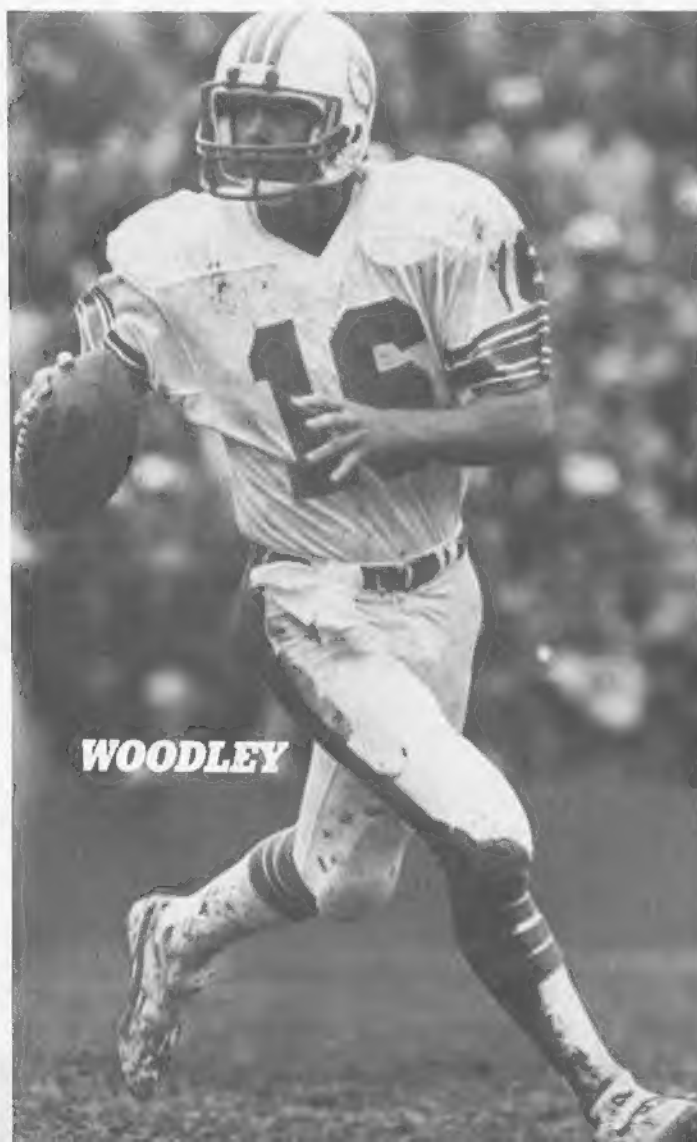
Dolphins' big-play linebacker. When Miami defeated the Jets with a last-second field goal in a vital game near the end of the regular season, it was Don Strock, the veteran relief quarterback who is the other half of the hybrid "Woodstock," who was summoned to supervise the winning drive.

The Super Bowl seems to offer some evidence in favor of Woodley. He did, after all, connect with Jimmy Cefalo on a 76-yard touchdown play which put Miami ahead early in the game. But it is deceiving evidence. Woodley launched that pass on his heels, a technical sin for a major-league quarterback, and he was moving backward as he did it. The ball was not thrown with authority. Yes, you can't argue with results, but the results were at least 50 percent the work of Cefalo, possibly more.

The questions remain unanswered: Is he a young Griese? Or is he merely the seventh-round draft pick who became an overachiever to a limited degree?

TOM COUSINEAU "I want to play with the big boys." That quote hangs around Cousineau's neck like a 290-pound offensive tackle. He uttered it the day, in 1978, that the Buffalo Bills made him the No. 1 pick in the entire NFL draft.

He meant that he intended to play in the National Football League, not in Canada. But then he signed with the Montreal Alouettes and played in the CFL for three years. He played



under pressure

well. The Alouettes qualified for the Grey Cup, Canada's Super Bowl, in his rookie season. They lost, but Cousineau was voted the game's outstanding defensive player.

Playing in Canada, however, is very different from playing in the NFL. For one thing, it is a three-down game, which means that there is far less premium on running attacks and linebackers are, quite often, glorified cornerbacks. The difference became apparent when Cousineau returned to U.S. football last year, after the Bills traded his rights to Cleveland. In one televised game in which the Browns upset the Pittsburgh Steelers, Franco Harris or some other Pittsburgh back would carry the ball and the Browns would swarm him—first rookie linebacker Chip Banks, then linebacker Dick Ambrose, a cornerback, a safety. Finally, arriving too late to do much besides hover over the play, there was Cousineau.

Too often during his introductory season in the NFL, big Tom arrived a day late and a dollar short. He did not play badly, but for the enormous salary which Cleveland agreed to pay him Cousineau had to be a Jack Lambert. He wasn't. His failure to be something special was emphasized by the success of Banks, the Browns' top draft pick of 1982, who delivered in spectacular style.

"I got into some bad habits in Canada," admitted Cousineau, referring to the comparatively casual attitude toward

football in the CFL, caused by the fact that the league's Canadian players must hold down steady jobs along with their football positions. And the football day doesn't begin until late in the afternoon. At his price, the Browns can't wait for him to get out of those habits.

EARL CAMPBELL The wrists of the men who blocked for O.J. Simpson in his memorable season of 1973, when he set the all-time record for ground gaining in the NFL, are adorned today with expensive gold bracelets, engraved with O.J.'s thanks and the figure "2003," to commemorate his record yardage. Other runners have paid homage, although not quite that generously, to their offensive lines through the years, which makes Earl Campbell's postseason remarks last January all the more shocking.


Campbell put a heavy knock on the Oilers' front, suggesting that it was to blame for his sub-par year. The 538 yards he gained didn't land him in the top ten in the NFL. He didn't average 60 yards a game. He averaged only 3.4 yards a carry. Two Central Division runners, Pete Johnson of Cincinnati and Franco Harris of Pittsburgh, outgained him, and Franco, 33, is five years older than Earl.

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ON THE SPOT

When the Oilers began angling for a chance to draft John Elway last spring, Campbell was part of the lure. Then Bud Adams, the owner, stepped in and said that Earl was not to be traded. The question is whether 1982 was a slight dip in a brilliant career or whether Campbell is emulating John Brockington, the former Green Bay star, who had four great seasons, then pffft

DANNY WHITE Danny's problem is standards. They have high ones in Dallas. For the last three seasons the Cowboys have fallen short, defeated by Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Washington in each of the last three National Conference championship games. Instead of champions, the Cowboys have become the rabbit for hungry pursuers. In Dallas that hurts the pride. It especially hurt last year when the Redskins, a team of modest skills, not only defeated the Cowboys but won the Super Bowl

"The Redskins were not a team with more talent than the Cowboys," said Dallas coach Tom Landry. "Therefore I think it comes down to how much you want to win"

Landry has virtually throw open the quarterback competition in Dallas this year, partly because White never has won the title game for the Cowboys, partly because Gary Hogeboom came into the Washington game after Danny was knocked cold by Dexter Manley and rallied the team with two touchdown passes

RON JAWORSKI The Eagles finished 3-6 last year, and a half dozen NFC quarterbacks finished ahead of Jaworski in the efficiency ratings. But it isn't so much what Ron didn't do as what was said about him. After Dick Vermeil was done in by coaching burnout, he said publicly that he thought it "might be time for Ronnie to move on."

It was not the sort of thing Jaworski wanted to hear, but after a long pause, the new head coach, Marion Campbell, and his new offensive coordinator, Richard Wood, said they welcomed Jaworski back as the starter. The Eagles backed up their words by opting for a fullback, Michael Haddix, rather than one of the premium quarterbacks in the draft. Now it is up to Jaworski to prove that they did not err.

FRED DEAN Takeoff time for the 49ers in their Super Bowl season of 1981 was early in October. They sent a second-round draft choice and agreed to trade positions in the first round of the 1983 draft with San Diego in exchange for Fred Dean, the admirable pass rusher

In his first game as a Niner, Dean sacked Cowboy quarterbacks three times, helped limit Tony Dorsett to 21 yards in nine carries, and was a catalyst in San Francisco's 45-14 victory. In his first three games with his new team, Fred had 7½ sacks. In the entire nine-game schedule in 1983, Dean accounted for 3½ sacks. No one named him to an all-NFL team. There was no Pro Bowl berth for him. He was, in a word, ordinary. Dean has had a reputation as a one-season-on, one-season-off guy. Whether he can give the 49ers another season "on" at age 31 is a question. He was dangled in trade talks during the winter.

RICHARD TODD It's strange that Todd is included in our on-the-spot group. Last season was the one in which he matured. Only Ken Anderson of Cincinnati and Dan Fouts of San Diego finished ahead of him in the quarterback efficiency ratings for the AFC. The maturity went far beyond numbers, though. In the playoffs he supervised two astounding upsets, the 44-17 victory at Cincinnati and the 17-14 triumph over the Raiders in the Los Angeles Coliseum

Still, Todd remains on the spot for two reasons. One is the coaching change the Jets underwent so traumatically after the season, offensive coordinator Joe Walton assuming command in place of Walt Michaels. The other reason is Todd's failures in the pressure games against Miami, the last one a 14-0 Dolphin shutout in the American Conference championship game

Walton was generally regarded as Todd's Svengali, the man who during his two years running the Jets' offense

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ON THE SPOT

coaxed Richard into maturity. Now Walton will have more diverse worries, and Todd may have to be even more of a self-starter than he was last year. Miami again will be the team the Jets have to beat in the AFC East. There could be a showdown on Friday night, December 16, in the Orange Bowl, the final regular-season game for both teams.

WALTER PAYTON There was going to be a new deal in Chicago. The 1982 season was the year Walter Payton was supposed to see more daylight, get more yardage out of fewer carries, benefit from not taking the pounding associated with playing for an offense that was Walter Payton vs. the world. It didn't quite work out that way.

Rookie Jim McMahon became the starting quarterback quickly enough, and the Bears' passing was more efficient than it had been in several seasons. But Payton didn't flourish as expected. His per-carry average went up from 3.7 to 4.0 yards, but he finished tenth in the NFL in ground gaining and scored only one touchdown in the nine games. A good receiver, Payton caught 32 passes last year, but he's had much better seasons in that respect. And instead of being glad about the reduced work load and the diversified attack, there were times when he chafed.

This year McMahon comes into the season as a quarterback with experience, and the passing game is improved by the addition of Tennessee wide receiver Willie Gault, who will be one of the fastest men in the NFL. One paper, Payton's career not only should be brightened, but prolonged.

KENNETH SIMS At first he was shockingly inept on the practice field. He excused himself by saying he never had been much of a practice player. The veterans, resentful of his big contract and low production, nicknamed him "Game Day." When the strike took place, he headed back to Texas instead of sticking around New England with his teammates to improve his weaknesses with daily workouts. More resentment. He began to straighten out his act during the last month of the season. He ended up fourth on the Patriots in tackles, tied for the team lead in sacks, with 4½, and led in quarterback pressures, with 13. He was named to a couple of all-rookie teams.

But Sims was the very first pick in the 1982 draft, the only "franchise" player in the whole senior class. Franchise players are supposed to be dominant. He wasn't, so he'll continue to be measured by a different yardstick.

RUSS FRANCIS The old expression is "Don't tinker with a good thing." Bill Walsh, the 49ers' major domo, ignored it to his peril last season. He spent first- and fourth-round draft choices to acquire the rights to New England's retired tight

end after the 49ers won the Super Bowl. He had to pay Francis royally, too. It didn't help that Walsh also paid serious money to Renaldo Nehemiah, the hurdles champion who had not played football in years. Veterans have the strange idea that they should be rewarded with the heaviest expenditures after a championship season.

Francis compounded the problem when he stayed out of the lineup all training camp due to some injuries which his new teammates did not feel were as serious as he did. Russ started only two games all season, catching 23 passes for two touchdowns and a 12.1-yard average. In January he spoke of retiring again.

Unless he does return to the beaches of Hawaii, he has some fences to mend in San Francisco.

DARRIN NELSON If Kenneth Sims, in the opinion of pro scouts, was the only franchise player in the 1982 draft, Darrin Nelson, the little running back from Stanford, was supposed to be the only other player close to Sims.

The Vikings had a very good back in Ted Brown, but they were playing a new kind of football game indoors, under the protective cover of the Humphrey Metrodome. No more frozen fingers and slippery footing. Time for speed football. Nelson was supposed to do for Minnesota what Joe Morris had done for Buffalo, only faster and more of it.

Darrin created problems before he even signed with the team, suggesting that Minneapolis-St. Paul was not up to his social standard. When he did get into uniform, his performance was routine. Brown did most of the important playing. Nelson gained only 136 yards and averaged just 3.1 yards from scrimmage. He caught only nine passes. He was ordinary as a kick returner. He didn't break a long run. The Vikings are still waiting.

JOE FERGUSON Ferguson's season went on vacation after the strike was over. He was the hero of Buffalo's comeback victory over Minnesota in a nationally televised night game just before the eight-week pause. Once play resumed he was stone cold. In six straight games he failed to pass for a touchdown as Buffalo did not qualify for the playoffs for the first time in three seasons.

Ferguson has had a reputation as a head-hanger, a player whose perfectionism caused him to lose control of his emotions when things weren't going well. He's 33 now, and he's running out of chances to mature. The Bills drafted a promising quarterback on the second round last year, Matt Kofler, and didn't play him. This year they used a first-round pick to select Jim Kelly of Miami. When he chose to sign with the USFL, he put not just Ferguson, but the Bills, on the spot.



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

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You laugh. Did anyone pick the Washington Redskins to go to the Super Bowl last year? If so, he probably picked the San Francisco 49ers the year before. Or the Philadelphia Eagles the year before that. Or the Los Angeles Rams the year before that. And speaking of NFC power, whatever happened to America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys. They haven't been to a Super Bowl since 1978.

Who is next? The New York Giants and St. Louis Cardinals must feel like wallflowers. They are the only ones in the NFC East left out of the Super Bowls in the last five years.

What is next? Bill Walsh and the 49ers brought choreography to pro football. Joe Gibbs and the Redskins instituted tight ends in motion. For Walsh, the future was passing. For Gibbs, it was running. For both, the future was whatever was expedient. Walsh discovered he needed more running, so he traded for Wendell Tyler of the Los Angeles Rams in an effort to return to the Super Bowl. Gibbs may discover he needs more than John Riggins to repeat.

And while the world rushes to the chalkboards of the genius coaches to learn new secrets in a changing sport, everyone is likely to discover that nothing much has changed at all. The only thing new and changing are the athletes. If you have them, you draw up plays so they can win. If you don't, you can draw all day and still lose.

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Tackle—Randy White, Dallas
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The latest craze is two tight ends and one running back, which works especially well for teams with two good tight ends and one good running back. If you have a tight end like Kellen Winslow, the idea behind using two tight ends is to create a mismatch in pass coverage for Winslow. If you have a fullback like Riggins, the idea behind using two tight ends is to create a mismatch in tacklers for Riggins. In other words, personnel dictates strategy.

Let's not be confusing. The NFC has experienced an upsurge because the NFC at the moment happens to employ the better young quarterbacks. So comfortable are NFC teams with their lot of quarterbacks that an interesting thing happened at the last draft: The record six quarterbacks taken in the first round all went to AFC teams. Who needs 'em? The NFC is on a roll.

To be sure, there are ways to make life easier for the quarterbacks, and that is how Walsh and Gibbs have become so famous the last two years. Under rules that make it more inviting to pass, the use of more people near the line of scrimmage enables offenses to pose an immediate pass-receiving threat. Even if the idea behind two tight ends is to create a path for Riggins, the tight ends put pressure on the defense from their position on the line of scrimmage. The running of Riggins notwithstanding, most football evolution has occurred to strengthen the pass offense. Three running backs meant only two receivers on the line of scrimmage. Two running backs mean three receivers. One back means four. Using only limited imagination, one can easily project the future. Incorporate the shotgun with the double tight end philosophy and football is back at Texas Christian University in the 1930s with Sammy Baugh operating out of Dutch Meyer's spread formations. Can the return of the tailback be far behind? The triple threat returns.

Meanwhile, the success of Winslow and Riggins has caused the predictable scramble by imitators. Nearly every

club in the NFC is either designing a double tight-end formation or brushing up on the double tight-end possibilities already in their playbooks.

Former Washington assistant Dan Henning, one of the architects of the Riggins formation, took the head coaching job at Atlanta and immediately turned backup fullback Bo Robinson into a tight end. The Falcons have the luxury of having two big running backs in William Andrews and Gerald Riggs, but Henning may end up using Riggs in a slot formation, sort of how Washington used tight ends Rick Walker and Clint Didier. Can't you see it now? Riggs starts in motion, stops behind quarterback Steve Bartkowski, reverses his field, and blocks behind tight end Junior Miller. Bartkowski hands off to Andrews, who runs 43 yards for a touchdown.

In San Francisco, where the 49ers were trying to decide what to do with pass-catching fullback Earl Cooper, the answer often came up tight end.

In Los Angeles, new Rams' coach John Robinson quickly joined the parade. Or in his case, he rejoined it. He used tight ends in motion at Southern Cal for the student-body sweeps. One of his first decisions as coach of the Rams was to switch last year's starting fullback, Mike Guman, to tight end.

In Chicago, coach Mike Ditka traded for former Dallas tight end Jay Saldi even though the Bears found a tight end last year in Emery Moorehead. Ditka's plan is to use Moorehead as more of a rover in the Winslow sense. The Cowboys didn't need Saldi because they already have two established tight ends in Doug Cosbie and Billy Joe DuPree.

Ditka, who used to coach in Dallas, explained why the double tight-end formation appeals to coaches. "Certain defenses become predictable when they play against it," Ditka said. "A lot of good defenses tend to play it the same way. Often, they end up in man-to-man situations on the two tight ends, double coverage on the wide receivers, and a linebacker on the back."

If an offense knows how a defense is likely to play a formation, the offense has an advantage in designing options. Already, defenses are trying to catch up. They always do. One little trick is to eliminate the distinction between strong and weak safeties. Minnesota's safeties do not flop according to where the tight end lines up. In Atlanta, Henning plans to do the same thing.

Will the double tight-end, one-back formation become as popular and effective as the 3-4 defense? Only if the population suddenly becomes crowded with 6-5, 235-pound tight ends who run 4.6 40s, or if John Riggins is cloned. There are limitations to the formation. One is the virtual elimination of play-action passing. It is difficult to fool defenses with only one running back.

Despite the ballyhoo for young quarterbacks and innovative offenses, both the 49ers and the Redskins, and the Eagles before them, won Super Bowls with defenses that bordered on dominant.

"The job of the defensive team has changed somewhat over the past few years," said Minnesota coach Bud Grant. "There was a time when you could win just with defense, when the defense could shut down a team to the point it became frustrating. But now the defense can't really shut the other guy down. The defense is just out there to try to minimize the effectiveness of the offense. You try to pressure the quarterback...you can no longer keep the offense from throwing and catching the ball. But you can minimize the damage that throwing and catching can do."

Six NFC teams finished among the top nine in total defense last year. The collapse of Philadelphia and San Francisco was written in defensive statistics. The Eagles plummeted from first to 20th last year; the 49ers went from second to 21st. One coach (Vermeil) quit and the other (Walsh) almost did.

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Defense is what keeps Tampa Bay in the playoffs. Defense is what turned around New Orleans. Defense is why the New York Giants have a chance to return to the glory years. The St. Louis Cardinals drafted four cornerbacks with their first seven picks in a frantic effort to catch up on defense. Dallas took defensive players with its first three picks. Two out of Washington's first three picks play defense. Minnesota and Green Bay, two favorites in the Central Division, drafted defensive backs No. 1. In Atlanta, Henning's first four draft choices play defense.

Two of the four new coaches—the Giants' Bill Parcells and the Eagles' Mar on Campbell—were defensive coordinators. The Falcons' Henning and the Rams' Robinson know their defenses must improve before their innovative offenses will matter.

The races in the three NFC divisions figure to be as close as ever. Last year, when division races took a hiatus because of the strike, eight of the 14 NFC teams finished between 5-3-1 and 4-5.

In the East, Washington and Dallas again will be the favorites, with their Monday night opener (September 5) an early-season highlight. If the Giants are able to put it all together, their move will come against supposedly the toughest schedule in the conference. Neither St. Louis nor Philadelphia looks like a last-place club.

In the West, New Orleans is the only place that didn't experience coaching upheavals. If quarterback Ken Stabler can come through again or if Dave Wilson is too good to bench, the Saints could be the surprise of the conference. They have the best defense in the division, according to last year's statistics. Besides, the title of their preview film is "It Can Happen Here." The Saints' rivals, however, all have experienced quarterbacks. If San Francisco's Montana, the Rams' Vince Ferragamo, or Atlanta's Steve Bartkowski gets hot and one of the defenses improves, the team will rise to the top.

In the Central, all five clubs think they can win. Only in Detroit, where quarterback problems are apparent, would the hope seem far-fetched. Even the Bears, last for two years in a row, have great expectations for second-year quarterback Jim McMahon. Tampa Bay and Green Bay have to be the favorites because of defense. It is defense which keeps Detroit optimistic.

It is the goal of every club not only to make the playoffs, but to win enough games to ensure a home-field advantage for them. Over the last two years, ten of the 11 NFC playoff games have been won by the home team, including all seven of them last year.

Several NFC veterans are close to milestones in 1983.

The Bears' Walter Payton, generally considered to have the best chance of breaking Jim Brown's rushing record, needs 1,033 yards to pass O.J. Simpson on the chart (Pittsburgh's Franco Harris needs only 294 to move into second place behind Brown). If Payton gets 1,000 yards, it would make his seventh such season and tie the NFL record shared by Brown and Harris, although Harris could get 1,000 for an unprecedented eighth time.

Green Bay kicker Jan Stenerud needs 18 field goals to match George Blanda's career record of 335.

Philadelphia receiver Harold Carmichael needs 49 catches to reach 600. Only three players—Charney Taylor (649), Don Maynard (633) and Raymond Berry (631)—have reached the 600 club.

Minnesota's Harold Jackson, who has 571 receptions for 10,246 yards, needs 21 more yards to pass Lance Alworth and move into second place in career yards on receptions.

By appearing in one more game for St. Louis, quarterback Jim Hart would be in his eighteenth season with one team—one year short of the NFL record held by former Minnesota Viking Jim Marshall.

Dallas' Everson Walls has led the NFL in interceptions in each of his first two seasons. He is the only player ever to do that. Only one other player, Philadelphia's Bill Bradley—in 1971 and 1972—has led in interceptions for two years in a row. Bradley was in his third and fourth seasons.

Although newcomers to the NFC won't include quarterbacks, the conference made a bid to regain an edge in running backs. The Rams' Eric Dickerson, the Eagles' Michael Haddix, and the Lions' James Jones represent three of the four runners drafted in the first round.

Since the AFC took all the quarterbacks, the NFC took five defensive backs in the first round to intercept their passes. In order, Terry Kinard went to the Giants, Tim Lewis to the Packers, Leonard Smith to the Cardinals, Joey Browner to the Vikings, and Darrell Green to the Redskins.

A good guess for rookie of the year is Dickerson, who will be running behind a veteran Rams' line in a system designed for him. The Redskins' Green, a national-class sprinter, will open eyes if he can approach the phenomenal 20.6-yard average for punt returns he compiled at Texas A&M.

Walter Payton and Jan Stenerud are closing in on career milestones in the NFL this season.



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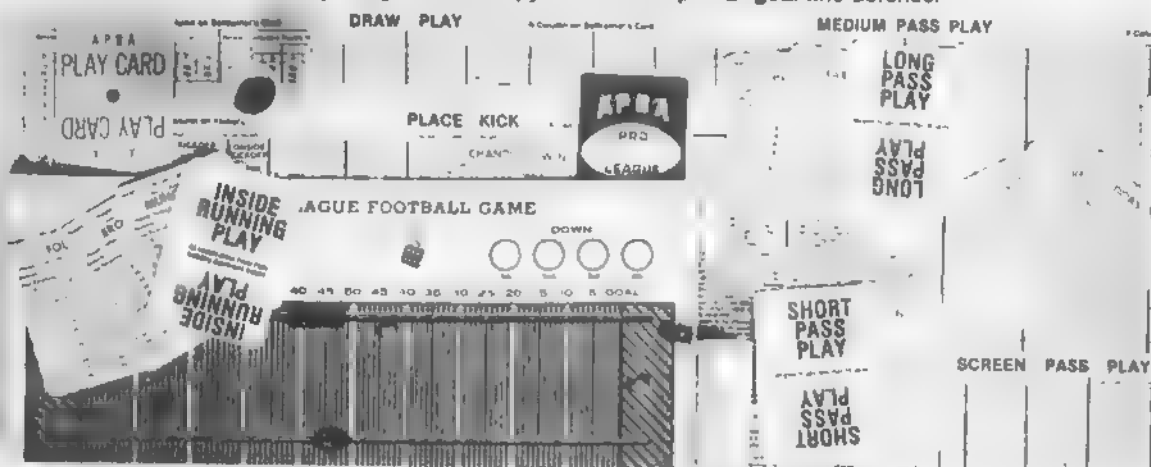
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What's wrong with the Cowboys? Very little of course, which is mainly what's wrong. The Cowboy players operate under a false sense of maturity. Secure in the knowledge that the organization smoothes the path toward winning, the players sometimes forget that the only measure of success occurs on the field on Sunday afternoons. Because the Cowboys are big, fast, strong, prepared, cheered and always favored, they sometimes forget to play hard. This doesn't happen only in NFC title games, it pervades the atmosphere even when they win. Often, when the Cowboys win they make it look easy. Then the players begin to get the false impression that it is easy. This isn't an idle theory. Landry alludes to it.

"A lot of teams were unable to overcome the frustration of the strike," he said. "The Cowboys were pretty much on target when the strike came. After it ended, our results were probably better than our performances because of the lack of performance by our opponents at the time. The result was that we

got a false picture of where we were as a football team after winning five in a row. This tended to hurt us more than anything else last season. Everyone started to say we were a shoo-in for the Super Bowl and we lost our edge, stopped doing the things you need to do to be a solid team," said the coach.

"The Cowboys possess sufficient talent to go to the Super Bowl. The thing we discovered the past two years is that teams can go to the Super Bowl without great experience as the 49ers proved, and without exceptional talent, as Washington demonstrated. The Redskins were not a team with more talent than the Cowboys. So I think it comes down to how much you want to win. Sometimes we're going to have to say, 'Hey, if we're going to be the best, we're going to have to prove it.' If you're not willing to prove it, then you better forget about America's Team."

Landry also knows what he's going to do to try to get this to happen. He is going to instill a little creative tension among the troops. You think you got it made? Think again.

"We'll be much quicker to change people and play people more this year," said Landry. "Players who show the best will play and if they look about the same, then they'll both play. There won't be a situation as in the past where if a guy is just a nose ahead of the other, he'll play all the time. We need more commitment. The only way you get that is through competition."

The competition will start at quarterback where Danny White will be challenged by Gary Hogeboom. Now who could imagine Danny White on the bench? How many teams wouldn't trade their quarterbacks straight up for Danny White? How many quarterbacks could take their teams within a game of the Super Bowl three years in a row on the heels of Roger Staubach's retirement? Yet such is the condition of being the Cowboys' quarterback. People will demand that Danny White get to the Super Bowl, that he win every game, complete every pass. Danny White don't you dare punt!

Landry insists there is "no controversy, that White will start the season No. 1. But that's no surprise. Landry also admits the situation will be competitive among White, Hogeboom,

and Glenn Carano. "I think it's an injustice not to consider Carano, who was hurt all last year and didn't have a chance to do anything. I think he'll come back and play very well."

As for White, Landry says, "Last year, he got caught in the 'He can't win the big game thing and it really affected him, I thought in the championship game, as much as he wanted to ignore it. I think it hurt him a lot and when he got injured it was a real blow for him. I think the Pro Bowl he played because he won the game in the last few seconds. That has to help his morale and get him ready for this season."

Says White, "I think the biggest things to maintain a good positive attitude and not to believe everything we read and hear. We've been in a position to go to the Super Bowl three years in a row yet when you read the newspapers, you'd think we were the worst team in the league."

The statistics show White getting better every year. When he replaced Staubach, his passer rating was 80.8. In 1981 it was 87.5. Last year it was 91.1.

The Hogeboom challenge would be a hoax were it not for a remarkable half of football by the untested thrower in the NFC championship. With White knocked out of the game, Hogeboom completed ten of his first 15 passes for two touchdowns to bring the Cowboys within striking distance in the fourth quarter. An interception by Washington's Mel Kaufman failed to dampen the enthusiasm for a prospect who had thrown only eight passes in regular-season competition—all last year.

Charged with part of the responsibility for the quarterback decisions and progress will be new quarterback coach Jim Shofner, who will work with Dick Nolan in coordinating the passing game. The Cowboys have had four passing coordinators in four years: Dan Reeves, Mike Ditka, and John Mackovic all left for head coaching jobs at, respectively, Denver, Chicago, and Kansas City. "This really breaks the continuity of your coaching staff," said Landry.

One place where competition is not likely to be a factor is running back, where Tony Dorsett operates alone and often without peer. The guy needed only nine men on the field

1982 LEADERS AND NFL RECORDS

SCORING—Seipien, 58 points on 10 field goals and 28 PATs. 7th
RUSHING—Dorsett, 177 carries for 745 yards, 4.2 avg., 5 TDs. 1st
PASSING—White, 156 of 247 attempts for 2,079 yards and 16 TDs. 2nd
RECEIVING—Hill, 35 receptions for 526 yards, 15.0 avg., 1 TD. 10th
INTERCEPTIONS—Walls, 7 for 61 yards, 8.7 avg. 1st
PUNTING—White, 37 punts, 41.7 avg., longest 56 yards. 5th
PUNT RETURNS—Fellows, 25 for 189 yards, 7.6 avg. 8th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Fellows, 16 for 359 yards, 22.4 avg. 9th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 MIAMI (N)
 13 At Los Angeles Rams (N)
 20 PITTSBURGH (N)
 27 HOUSTON (N)

1982 SCHEDULE	1982 SCORES
September 5 At Washington (N)	24-10
11 At St. Louis	24-7
18 NEW YORK GIANTS	—
25 NEW ORLEANS	21-17
October 2 At Minnesota	27-31
9 TAMPA BAY	14-9
16 At Philadelphia	—
23 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	—
30 At New York Giants	—
November 6 PHILADELPHIA	20-24
13 At San Diego	—
20 KANSAS CITY	—
24 ST. LOUIS	—
December 4 At Seattle	—
11 WASHINGTON	—
19 At San Francisco (N)	—



with him to break a 99-yard run against Minnesota last year Dorsett will be the one back in the Cowboys' version of the two tight-end attack In his sixth season last year he led the NFC in rushing

"He's getting to the point now where you wonder whether he might slip some, but don't see that I think we've protected him through the years so he hasn't taken the wear and tear that a lot of running backs would have taken in five or six years," said Landry

Landry likes the emergence of Timmy Newsum at running back but remains perplexed over exactly how best to use him Neither the tailbacks nor the fullbacks get much work with Dorsett healthy Second-year fullback George Peoples could challenge Ron Springs, with ageless Robert Newhouse still ready to contribute Tailback James Jones is coming off knee surgery, so the Cowboys added three more running backs in the draft—Clemson's Chuck McSwain, Michigan's Lawrence Ricks and Maine's Lorenzo Bouler

The two tight ends are Doug Cosbie and Billy Joe DuPree, in that order Cosbie came close to becoming White's favorite target last year, catching only five fewer passes than Tony Hill and leading the team in touchdown catches, with four To replace the departed Jay Saldi and prepare for the impending retirement of DuPree, the Cowboys drafted Florida's Chris Faulkner in round four At 6-4-257, Faulkner could return to his former position of guard if he fails at tight end

Competition could result in changes at wide receiver where Tony Hill and Drew Pearson have long formed one of the league's best duos Pearson is 32 and although he was a close third in receptions last year with 26 for three touchdowns, he suspects the Cowboys are phasing him out. The apparent heir is third-year man Doug Donley of Ohio State, but Donley, the team's fastest receiver, must prove he can stay injury-free Perennial third man Bulch Johnson has knocked on the starting door perhaps as long as anyone in Dallas history If his style isn't cramped by Landry's crackdown on end-zone celebrations he could force himself into the lineup more

A possible change in the offensive line will come at left guard, where 1981 No. 1 draft choice Howard Richards is pushing former All-Pro Herb Scott Richards played a lot last year when Scott was slowed by a knee injury The rest of the starters appear secure, because they are effective and because the depth is young Tackles Pat Donovan on the left and Jim Cooper on the right are solid pros backed by second-year prospect Phil Pozderac and third-year man Steve Wright. The Cowboys added three late round tackles in an effort to develop more depth—Arizona's Chris Schultz, Washington's Eric Moran, and Idaho State's Dan Taylor The depth in the middle appears more secure Tom Rafferty gets better as a center after moving there from guard in 1981 Robert Shaw is still recovering from knee problems Kurt Petersen must continue to improve at right guard Glen Titensor is coming back from knee surgery, and Brian Baldinger showed ably as a rookie Both are backup center-guards

With two of the top three draft choices defensive ends, the competition on the line will be most interesting Harvey Martin will turn 33 during the season and Ed Jones is 32

Whether that's too old only time and performance will tell "You never know when age starts to hurt you," said Landry, who knows when it is time to prepare for change

No. 1 draft choice Jim Jeffcoat of Arizona State and teammate Bryan Caldwell, the No. 3 choice, were hired to push people "Jeffcoat is a good physical player in the defensive line We need that," said Landry "He'll probably be a situation player's first year, but by the second year he should be in a position to challenge the starters Caldwell is expected to challenge backups Larry Bethea and Don Smerek All-Pro defensive tackle Randy White vowed to work twice as hard to atone for what he called a frustrating season He was frustrated with the holding and pushing he faced every week He's working on new techniques of escaping," said Landry Left tackle John Dutton was troubled by a thigh injury

1982 DRAFT PICKS

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	nfl exp	college
62	Baldinger, Brian	DL	6-4	253	24	2	Duke
31	Barnes, Benny	S	6-1	204	32	12	Stanford
76	Betha, Larry	OT	5-5	244	27	6	Michigan St.
53	Breung, Bob	LB	6-2	225	30	9	Arizona St.
59	Brown, Guy	LB	6-4	227	26	7	Houston
18	Carano, Glenn	QB	6-3	204	26	7	UNLV
47	Clinkscale, Dexter	S	5-11	190	25	3	S.C. State
60	Cooper, Jim	T	6-5	263	28	7	Temple
84	Cosbie, Doug	TE	6-6	232	27	5	Santa Clara
51	Dickerson, Anthony	JB	6-2	222	26	4	SMU
63	Donley, Doug	WR	6-0	173	24	3	Ohio St.
87	Donovan, Pat	T	6-5	257	30	9	Sailford
33	Dorsett, Tony	RB	5-1	192	29	7	Pittsburgh
26	Downs, Michael	S	6-3	203	29	3	Rice
89	DuPree, Billy Joe	TE	6-4	223	33	11	Michigan St.
78	Dutton, John	DT	6-7	276	32	10	Nebraska
27	Fallows, Ron	CB	6-0	174	25	3	Missouri
58	Hagman, Mike	LB	6-1	288	30	8	Tennessee St.
25	Hill, Rod	CB	6-0	182	24	2	Kentucky St.
80	Hill, Tony	WR	6-2	198	27	7	Stanford
14	Hogeboom, Gary	QB	6-4	195	25	4	Central Michigan
34	Hunter, Monty	S	6-0	202	24	2	Salem
86	Johnson, Bulch	WR	6-1	187	29	8	Cal-Riverside
72	Jones, Ed	DE	6-9	272	32	9	Tennessee St.
23	Jones, James	RB	5-10	202	25	4	Mississippi St.
57	King, Angelo	LB	6-1	230	25	3	S.C. State
79	Martin, Harvey	DE	6-5	260	33	11	East Texas St.
44	Newhouse, Robert	FB	5-10	219	33	12	Houston
30	Newsum, Timmy	RB	6-1	231	25	4	Winston-Salem
88	Pearson, Drew	WR	6-0	193	32	11	Tulsa
22	Peoples, George	FB	6-0	211	28	2	Auburn
65	Petersen, Kurt	G	6-4	268	26	4	Missouri
75	Pozderac, Phil	T	6-9	270	24	2	Notre Dame
64	Rafferty, Tom	OL	6-3	259	29	8	Penn St.
70	Richards, Howard	OL	6-6	258	24	3	Missouri
50	Rohrer, Jeff	LB	6-3	232	25	2	Yale
68	Scott, Herbert	G	6-2	260	30	9	Virginia Union
1	Seipien, Rafael	K	5-10	180	30	7	SW Louisiana
52	Shaw, Robert	C	6-4	261	27	4	Tennessee
60	Smerek, Don	DT	6-7	257	26	3	Nevada-Reno
55	Spradlin, Danny	LB	6-1	241	24	3	Tennessee
20	Spings, Ron	FB	6-1	210	27	5	Ohio State
32	Thurman, Dennis	CB	5-11	183	27	6	Southern Cal.
63	Titensor, Glen	OL	6-4	260	26	3	Brigham Young
24	Watts, Everson	CB	6-1	194	24	3	Grambling
66	Wells, Norm	T	6-5	261	26	2	Northwestern
11	White, Danny	QB	6-2	196	31	8	Arizona St.
54	White, Randy	DT	6-4	268	30	9	Maryland
15	Wright, Brad	QB	6-2	209	24	2	New Mexico
73	Wright, Steve	OL	6-5	263	24	3	Northern Iowa

1982 DRAFT PICKS

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Jeffcoat, Jim	DE	6-5	260	22	Arizona St.
2	Waller, Mike	DE	6-3	230	23	Oregon
3	Caldwell, Bryan	DE	6-4	248	28	Arizona St.
4	Faulkner, Chris	TE	6-4	257	24	Florida
5	McSwain, Chuck	RB	6-4	190	22	Clemson
6	Collier, Reggie	QB	6-3	207	22	Southern Miss
7	Schultz, Chris	OT	6-8	259	33	Arizona
8	Ricks, Lawrence	QB	6-9	194	22	Michigan
9	Gross, Al	DE	6-3	186	22	Arizona
10	Moran, Erick	OT	6-6	282	23	Washington
11	Taylor, Dan	DT	6-3	258	24	Idaho St.
12	Bouler, Lorenzo	RB	6-0	209	22	Maine

Changes at linebacker are inevitable with the departure of right side starter Guy Brown, lost to a neck injury, and with reservations about left side starter Mike Hegman Player personnel man Gil Brandt was so excited by the choice of Oregon's Mike Walter in the second round that he predicted he would start for Hegman by the first game The coaches like Walter, too, but he must make the conversion from college end Last year's No. 2 choice, Jeff Rohrer, also has a chance to make a move Middle linebacker Bob Breung is "the key to our linebackers," according to Landry who knows the outside spots are wide-open Danny Spradlin provides a good middle backup Anthony Dickerson Angelo King, Jim Eliopoulos, and Scott McLean will battle for their outside backup jobs

One thing the 1982 season proved was the Cowboy secondary was a strength rather than a weakness Cornerback Everson Watts led the league in interceptions, with seven for the second time in two tries, proving he is for real Right corner Dennis Thurman shook a rap and picked off three passes, including one for a touchdown Michael Downs also entering his third season, continued to improve at free safety If there is a change, it will be at strong safety, where Benny Barnes is anticipating retirement and Dexter Clinkscale or Monty Hunter wants to move In last year's No. 1 rookie Rod Hill must demonstrate physical and mental toughness to complement his athletic ability, because he was a disappointment Ron Fellows is the other backup corner, more valuable as a punt- and kickoff-return man

Landry again will try to find a replacement for White as punter Rafael Septien hit ten of 14 field goals and is as solid as kickers get

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Among the first reports out of Washington on draft day was that No. 1 choice Darrel Green was 5-10 To scouts and coaches who never measured him taller than 5-8, this news was surprising It goes to show what paying for the world champions can do for a man's stature The moral of the story if not the reality, is that the Redskins will have to be taller, bigger, better, and faster in 1983 to repeat their feat of 1982 Repeat Super Bowl champions are not in vogue Fast-fading ones are

Can the Redskins do it again? Can John Riggs again wine and dine with swine? Will Joe Theismann ever run out of things to say? Will Joe Gibbs run out of formations? Will Joe Washington come back from surgery on both knees, or will he merely walk without a limp? Will Joe Jacoby become just another player named Joe? Will Bobby Beathard go from genius to just another marathon runner? Will Mark Moseley be another kicker? Will Dexter Maney do what Dexter Manley says Dexter Maney can do—become a household word?

The answers to these and other questions hinge on two more Will the Redskins remain as healthy as they did last year? Will they remain as productive and cohesive a team as they were when they stunned the experts?

Gibbs made the sport a 49-man game, just as it had been a 45-man game, a 43-man game, a 47-man game, a 40-man game, a 37-man game, and so on throughout the years of team football The concept of a 1-for-one proved vital when the Redskins were able to

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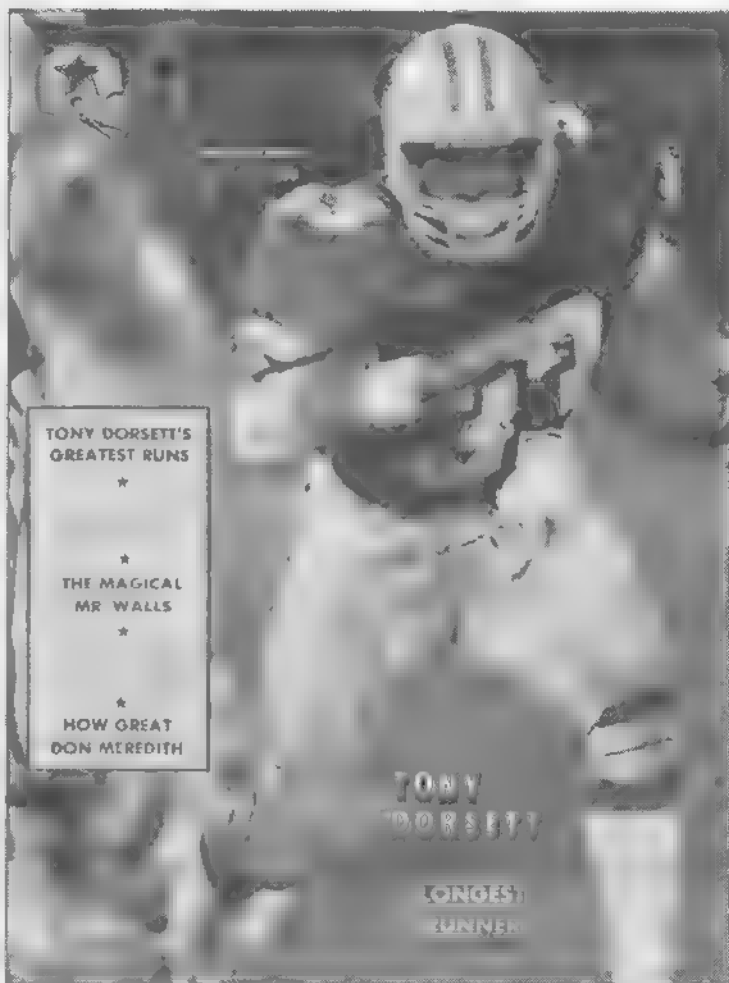
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★ **Harvey Martin** leading the Cowboys in quarterback traps for the 11th straight season.

★ **Billy Joe DuPree** extending his consecutive games played streak of 143, third longest in club history.

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★ **Dennis Thurman** adding to his career playoff interception total of seven.



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RANKINGS

SCORING—Moseley, 79 points on 20 field goals and 10 PATs 2nd
RUSHING—Riggins, 177 carries for 553 yards, 3.1 avg., 3 TDs 7th
PASSING—Theismann, 161 of 262 attempts for 2,033 yards and 13 TDs 1st
RECEIVING—Monk, 35 receptions for 447 yards, 12.8 avg., 1 TD 11th
INTERCEPTIONS—Dean, 3 for 62 yards 20.7 avg., 10th
PUNTING—Hayes, 51 punts, 38.0 avg., longest 58 yards 11th
PUNT RETURNS—Neime, 32 for 252 yards 7.9 avg., 7th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Neime, 23 for 557 yards, 24.2 avg. 2nd

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

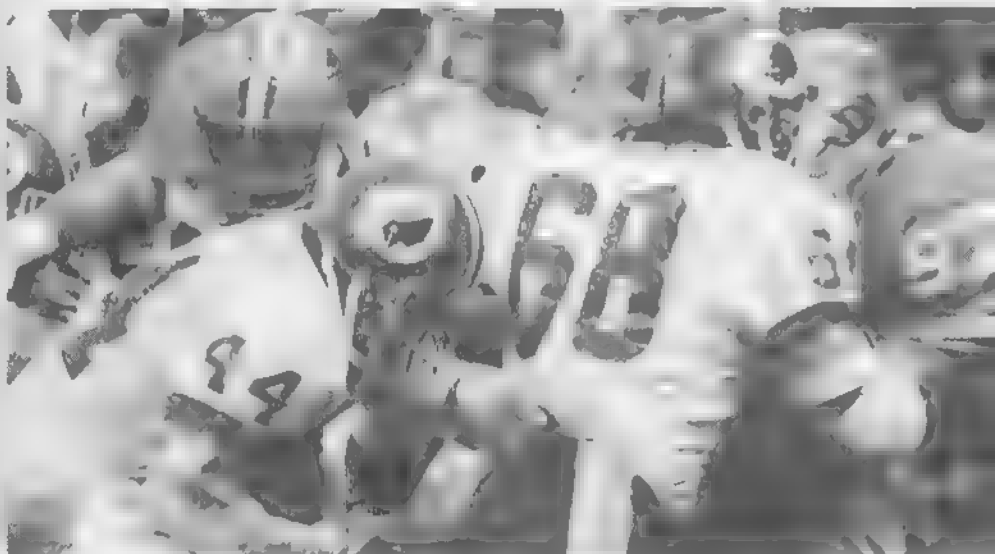
August 6 At Atlanta (N)
 12 CINCINNATI (N)
 19 MIAMI (N)
 27 At Buffalo (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

September 5 DALLAS (N)
 11 At Philadelphia
 18 KANSAS CITY
 25 At Seattle
 October 2 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS
 9 At St. Louis
 17 At Green Bay (N)
 23 DETROIT
 31 At San Diego (N)
 November 6 ST. LOUIS
 13 At New York Giants
 20 At Los Angeles Rams
 27 PHILADELPHIA
 December 4 ATLANTA
 11 At Dallas
 17 NEW YORK GIANTS

1982 SCORES

10-24
 (overtime) 37-34
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 12-7
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 28-0
 27-17
 13-9
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 —
 15-14



overcome injuries to Washington and to their No. 1 receiver Art Monk.

The Redskins took an initial step toward team togetherness by signing most of their free agents before training camp started, beginning with the No. 1 free agent, Riggins, who signed in March after turning down a \$2.5 million, three-year offer from the Michigan Panthers of the United States Football League.

"When you win and are successful, it's only human nature to want more," said Gibbs, the coach who should get paid by the hour. Labeled a candidate to follow Dick Vermeil into burnout land, Gibbs began plotting for 1983 before the 1982 Super Bowl spoils were transported back to Washington. "We will demand even more of our players next year," said Gibbs less than 24 hours after the Super Bowl victory over Miami.

Gibbs figures they will need to give more because opponents will be primed to take more. The last three Super Bowl champions—Pittsburgh, Oakland, and San Francisco—all failed to reach the playoffs the following season. Oakland and San Francisco had losing records after the ultimate win. Gibbs plans to remind his players of that history in hopes that they won't be doomed to repeat it.

Like the 49ers before them, the Redskins

did not win by accident. They beat the best teams and didn't need the crutch of a convoluted playoff format to limp into Pasadena. The Redskins have won 20 of their last 24 games, so they were a good team before during and after a strike that put that darned asterisk next to their glorious season. They outscored opponents, 110-48, in four playoff games.

But dwelling on press clippings can produce a complacency that Gibbs wants to avoid. "We won last year because we were able to play at a very high level of efficiency," Gibbs said. "The question is, 'Can we come back to that level this year?' We had some star players, but we did not have the type of team that could dominate another team."

Rivals who tried in vain to tackle Riggins might disagree. His performance in the playoffs was one of the most spectacular postseason accomplishments in any sport. In only four games he gained 610 yards, breaking the 100-yard barrier every week after warming up with only 553 yards in the nine-game regular season. Riggins' 43-yard touchdown burst on fourth and one to give the Redskins the lead in the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl should remain one of football's most dramatic moments for years to come.

And going on age 34, Riggins showed up at the Redskin minicamp in the spring in typical Riggins fashion—dreadfully out of shape. After an offseason of chicken and peas and no doubt some liquid refreshment, the eccen-

tric superstar couldn't have fit into his Super Bowl tuxedo had he tried. But there is little concern in the nation's capital for the welfare of its favorite fullback. During the season when the paychecks start coming, Riggins usually sees to it that he is in better shape than many linebackers, even if it takes 440-yard sprints after practice.

Gibbs can only hope that Riggins finds this encore season as much fun as the Super one. Given to his moods, the big man could decide to take some additional time off, although a sense of team duty could prevail. Riggins' importance to this team can hardly be overstated after he accounted for 43.4 percent of the Redskins' total offense in the playoffs.

If Gibbs had to make a choice between Riggins and Theismann, however, he probably would take the quarterback. Any coach would. For the Redskins to repeat, Theismann has to repeat. His only backups are Tom Owen and Bob Holly and sixth-round rookie Babe Laufenberg of Indiana. Theismann will turn 34 after the first game, but he has improved with age thanks to the influence of Gibbs. He led the NFC in passing last year with a rating of 91.3, nearly 20 points higher than his career average. He has developed a patience that has enabled him to stay away from interceptions. His quickness still allows him to avoid the rush. Gibbs' formations enable him to fool defenses. In the playoffs, Theismann hit 68.2 percent of his passes.

Theismann must adjust to a new quarterback coach, Jerry Rhyme, after Gibbs' right-hand man, Dan Henning, left to coach

Atlanta. But Gibbs is the main architect, and Rhyme comes from the advanced systems of Seattle and Dallas, so no problems are expected.

No problems would appear too difficult to overcome after the way Theismann and his receivers adjusted to the loss of Art Monk in the regular-season finale. Some teams entering the playoffs without their leading pass-catcher might tend to fold. Theismann merely lowered his sights to 5-7 Alvin Garrett, who raised everyone's consciousness by leading the club in reception yards and touchdowns in the playoffs as one of the Smurfs.

Now Gibbs only smiles when he is asked how Garrett will fit into a lineup with Monk and another Smurf, Charlie Brown, who was outstanding in his first season. Smurf No. 3 Virgil Seay will be joined by kick returner Mike Nelms at the backup receiving positions. The switch of Nelms is to take advantage of his aggression and to keep him from getting hurt. Nelms, who knows no fear, nursed nagging injuries while playing as a backup safety because he constantly sacrificed his body. On offense, the ideas for Nelms to block, go over the middle, and maybe punish defensive backs more than himself in the process.

At tight end, Gibbs welcomed the return of second-year man Mike Williams, who was hurt as a rookie after starting the first game. Williams has beefed up and will play behind Don Warren in the primary tight-end position, leaving the roving tight-end spot to Rick Walker and Clint Didier. Motion by Walker and Didier helped set up the Super Bowl victory.

Even with a healthy Riggins, the Redskins' situation at running back is not the most comforting. Joe Washington will try to come back from surgery on both knees. His pass-catching skills have made him an integral part of Gibbs' plans in the past. For immediate protection, the Redskins drafted running back Richard Williams of Memphis State in round two. When he came to minicamp, they were immediately impressed.

"Williams is a big back (6-0, 217) with breakaway speed who has good hands," said Beathard. "With John Riggins' age and Joe Washington's injury problems, we felt a definite need for a solid running back."

If the USFL folds soon, the Redskins also will have Kevin Bryant, drafted in the seventh round. Assuming the rival league remains for at least another season, the Redskins' backup runners are Wilbur Jackson, Clarence Harmon, Nick Giaquinto, and Otis Wonsley, who all proved to be important cogs in the team concept last year.

Responsible for much of Riggins' success were the Hogs, the world's first famous offensive line. If you still can't name them, they have accomplished their mission: recognition of the whole Hog rather than its parts. They were effective beyond expectations and they are young enough to do nothing but improve. Left tackle Joe Jacoby and left guard Russ Grimm were only in their second seasons last year. So was right guard Mark May, who alternated with Fred Dean, now a USFL hog. Center Joe Bostic was in his third year. Right tackle George Starke is entering his seventh season but is backed up by second-year prospect Donald Laster, a 6-5, 285-pounder with outstanding potential. To add to the depth and to the tradition, the Redskins



Quarterback Joe Theismann, guard Russ Grimm and running back John Riggins, defensive end Dexter Manley (left), and receiver Art Monk (#81) of the champion Redskins

drafted Wisconsin's Bob Winckler in the sixth round. They thought enough of him at the time to trade their fifth-round choice in 1984 to move up to get him. At 6-2, 295, he looks like a hog in the finest sense of the term. Also drafted in hopes of getting more depth was Minnesota's Todd Halstrom.

The No. 1 draft choice, Green, plays defense, where the Redskins truly won their title under coordinator Richie Petitbon. They allowed the fewest points in the league, finished fourth in total defense, eighth against the rush, seventh against the pass.

Green is only 5-8, a Smurf, but is one of the world's fastest humans. As a junior at Texas A&M, he ranked among the world's top 25 in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. When he was drafted, he ranked third in the country in the 400. Other statistics are more meaningful for the football fan, and Green's average of

20.6 yards per punt return is astounding.

Green is expected to move into the left corner spot vacated by Joe Lavender and filled by Jerry White last year. If he proves as good a rookie as right cornerback Vernon Dean was last year—"Dean came in hitting people and it became contagious," said Petitbon, the Redskins will be set for a long time. LeCharis McDaniel is the backup corner inside, there is more depth, with Pro Bowler Tony Peters at strong safety and should-be Pro Bowler Mark Murphy at free. Murphy has led the club in tackles for four straight seasons, yet the Redskins like second-year man Greg Williams enough to believe he might challenge Murphy for a starting spot. Curtis Jordan and Ken Coffey will complete for the backup spot at strong safety.

In 1981, the Redskins had 32 sacks in 16 games. In only nine games last year they equaled that number. Ends Dexter Manley and designated sacker Tony McGee each accounted for 6½ sacks and defensive tackle Dave Butz had 4½ in his best season. If tackle Perry Brooks can shake injuries and end Todd Liebenstein can challenge Mat Mendenhall, the front four will be strong again. Manley became a fixture at right end and Darryl Grant was impressive at right tackle, where Brooks led the club in sacks in 1981. Butz should have been All-Pro last season, his tenth. Mendenhall's steady at left end, but Gibbs thinks Liebenstein, who has added weight, could start this year. Third-round draft choice Charles Mann of Nevada-Reno has the chance to be another Manley.

At linebacker the Redskins have a similar "problem" of competition for starting spots. Rich Milot had an outstanding season on the right side, where Quentin Lowry backs up. Neal Oikewicz was again impressive in the middle, where Larry Kubin is challenging fast. McDaniel made big plays on the left side, where Monte Coleman was hampered by injuries. Coleman might be the best athlete of the bunch. Fortunately for morale, Petitbon uses enough fronts and alignments to give all the linebackers playing time.

Special teams always have been a proud part of Washington tradition, and 1982 was no exception. Place-kicker Mark Moseley won most valuable player awards for kicking a league-record 23 field goals in a row, 20 in the Super season. Moseley's performance came after a preseason in which the Redskins came within a toe of replacing him in favor of Dan Miller. Moseley is 35 now, but obviously not slowing down. The Redskins will look for an improved punting average by Jeff Hayes, but only two NFC punters landed more punts inside the 20.

If Green can replace Nelms as the punt-and-kick-returner, that alone will prove the Redskins are ready to accept the challenge of improvement, because Nelms has participated in three consecutive Pro Bowls as a returner. The Redskins' specialty units were ranked first in the league in kickoff-coverage average, second in punt-coverage average and first in the NFC in both punt- and kickoff-differential average statistics that only the Redskins would keep.

The schedule includes three Monday night games and three trips to the West Coast, but any schedule is demanding for a World Champion.

NEW YORK QUALITY

Accusing the Giants of old-fashioned ways is nothing new. They are a team of history and tradition, not all of it proud. Lately say the last decade or two, their fans have been calling them all sorts of old-fashioned things.

Now their old-fashioned ideas are taking a new twist. They might be the last team in America which thinks it can win with defense. Their coach with all the fancy offensive plans left, so they promoted their defensive coordinator. They needed offensive help, so they drafted two defensive players with their first two picks. When everybody else is experimenting with one running back, the Giants want to use two.

The result so far has been old-fashioned enthusiasm. There is optimism surrounding coach Bill Parcells, and not just because he was seen smiling. The departed Ray Perkins smiled, too, according to unconfirmed reports.

Perkins' biggest grin came during the 1981 season, when the Giants made it to the playoffs for the first time since 1963. Last year with the strike only one of many distractions, the Giants fell to 4-5. One other distraction was Perkins' announcement that he was going to Alabama to replace the legend Bear Bryant. The Giants soon went south, too, losing two of their last three games by one and three points.

Though the Giants lost quarterback Phil Simms for the season and didn't have full back Rob Carpenter until the final five games, the record wasn't the worst thing that has ever happened to this team. It is the expected return of Simms and Carpenter for full seasons that has the fans excited about 1983. The excitement is tempered only slightly by the knowledge that their heroes play the toughest schedule in the NFC. What the heck? Three of the games are on Monday night TV.

Simms is coming off knee surgery and must win his job back from Scott Brunner, who has stepped in for an injured Simms in each of the last three seasons. Brunner has played well enough in relief to get a full shot at the No. 1 job. No other Giant threw a pass last year.

"I gained a lot of confidence, and think the team gained a lot of confidence in me," said Brunner. "I didn't have a Dan Fouts-type of year, but I don't know if I ever will have a Dan Fouts year. He may be the best ever."

Parcells has called the quarterback job wide-open. He has made it a three-way race, including former Ram Jeff Rutledge. At Parcells' first minicamp in the spring, there was no pecking order among the three. The coach plans to keep it that way for the preseason and see who comes out on top. He hopes, naturally, that the battle will produce more positive effects than negative ones. If it's too close to call, teammates could end up choosing sides. Parcells wants the one who will "do anything to get the ball into the end zone." That sounds more like Simms' temperament than Brunner's, but Brunner doesn't play like a second-stringer. He threw only ten touchdown passes last year but held his interceptions to nine.

"At times, I felt I could take over and be the dominating player on the field, like Rob (Carpenter) was last year. I just think I improved quite a bit, and now I'll try to build upon that," said Brunner.

1982 DRAFT PICKS

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	college
58	Anderson, Stuart	LB	6-1	247	24	2 Virginia
53	Bostic, Jeff	C	6-2	245	25	4 Clemson
69	Brooks, Perry	DT	6-3	265	29	6 Southern
87	Brown, Charlie	WR	5-10	179	25	2 S.C. State
65	Butz, Dave	DT	6-7	295	33	11 Purdue
35	Claib, Ricky	RB	5-10	206	26	3 Beth-Cookman
51	Coleman, Monte	LB	6-2	235	26	5 Cent. Arkansas
	Crisay, Chris	WR	5-11	195	24	2 Princeton
54	Cronan, Peter	LB	6-2	230	28	6 Boston College
32	Dean, Vernon	CB	5-11	179	24	2 San Diego St.
86	Ditler, Cline	TE	6-5	240	24	2 Portland St.
89	Garrett, Alvin	WR	5-7	178	27	4 Angelo St.
30	Giacinto, Nick	RB	5-11	204	28	4 Connecticut
77	Grant, Darryl	DT	6-1	265	24	3 Rice
68	Grimm, Russ	G	6-3	273	24	3 Pittsburgh
38	Harmon, Clarence	RB	5-11	209	28	7 Mississippi St.
5	Hayes, Jeff	P	5-11	175	24	2 North Carolina
8	Holly, Bob	DB	6-2	205	23	2 Princeton
40	Jackson, Wilbur	RB	6-1	219	32	9 Alabama
86	Jacoby, Joe	T	6-7	295	24	3 Louisville
22	Jordan, Curtis	DB	6-2	205	29	7 Texas Tech
65	Kaufman, Mel	LB	6-2	218	25	3 CalPoly-SLO
50	Kubin, Larry	LB	6-2	234	24	2 Penn State
62	Laster, Donald	T	6-5	285	25	2 Tennessee St.
79	Liebenstein, Todd	DE	6-6	245	23	2 UNLV
56	Lowry, Quentin	LB	6-2	225	26	3 Youngstown St.
72	Manley, Dexter	DE	6-3	263	24	3 Oklahoma St.
73	Mayer, Mark	G	6-8	268	24	3 Pittsburgh
46	McDaniel, LeCharis	CB	5-9	169	25	3 Cal Poly SLO
79	McGee, Tony	DE	6-4	250	34	13 Bishop
76	Mendenhall, Mat	DE	6-6	255	26	3 Brigham Young
57	Milot, Rich	LB	6-4	237	26	6 Penn State
81	Monk, Art	WR	6-3	208	26	4 Syracuse
3	Moseley, Mark	K	6-0	205	35	12 S.F. Austin
29	Murphy, Mark	FS	6-4	210	28	7 Colgate
21	Nelms, Mike	FS	6-1	185	28	4 Baylor
79	Ogrym, Paul	DT	6-5	265	25	3 Wyoming
52	Oikewicz, Neal	LB	6-0	227	26	5 Maryland
17	Owen, Tom	QB	6-1	194	31	10 Wichita St.
23	Peters, Tony	SS	6-1	190	30	9 Oklahoma
44	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	235	34	12 Kansas
80	Sabey, Virgil	WR	5-8	175	25	3 Troy St.
	Smigelsky, Dave	P	5-11	180	24	2 Virginia Tech
74	Starks, George	T	6-5	260	35	11 Columbia
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	6-0	195	34	10 Notre Dame
88	Walker, Rick	TE	6-4	235	28	7 UCLA
85	Warren, Don	TE	6-4	242	27	5 San Diego St.
25	Washington, Joe	RB	5-10	179	30	7 Oklahoma
45	White, Jerry	CB	5-10	188	31	10 Hawaii
34	Williams, Clarence	RB	5-10	185	28	7 South Carolina
47	Williams, Greg	DB	5-11	185	24	2 Mississippi St.
84	Williams, Mike	TE	6-4	245	24	2 Alabama A&M
39	Wonsley, Otis	RB	5-10	214	26	3 Alcorn St.

1982 DRAFT PICKS

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	college
1	Green, Darrell	DB	5-10	170	23	2 Texas A&M
2	Williams, Richard	RB	6-0	217	23	2 Memphis St.
3	Mann, Charles	DE	6-5	245	23	2 Nevada-Reno
8	Winckler, Bob	DT	6-3	290	22	2 Wisconsin
6	Laufenberg, Babe	QB	6-2	190	22	2 Indiana
7	Bryant, Kelvin	RB	6-2	195	23	2 North Carolina
8	Halstrom, Todd	OT	6-5	285	23	2 Minnesota
9	Gilbert, Marcus	RB	5-11	185	22	2 TCU
10	Gandy, Gelf	LB	6-1	230	23	2 Baylor

Carpenter missed the start of last season in a salary dispute leaving the backfield duties to now-departed Leon Perry and rookie Butch Woolfolk. Woolfolk responded well leading the team in rushing and gaining over 1000 yards in total offense. With Carpenter back, offensive coordinator Ron Ehrhardt doesn't have to think too much about the one-back, two tight-end formation which is all right with Parcels.

"I think the environment in which you play in the NFL is a very important factor," said Parcels. "If you go up to Buffalo and try to run San Diego's offense you'll be in trouble. The elements are such an inhibiting factor. You have to be able to run the ball in a northern city. What I like to see is a controlled passing game with a good power running attack."

Woolfolk seems to operate best out of the I-formation. The Giants knew he had outside speed, his durability inside and his hands were pleasant revelations. Carpenter's presence from the start should help the running game improve from 24th in the league. Two second-year men, Joe Morris and Cliff Chatman, provide the backup help, along with veteran Larry Heater.

If two rookie tight ends can make a quick impact, the Giants should have their best receiving corps in years. Starting wideouts Earnest Gray and Johnny Perkins have settled into a dependable and productive tandem. Although neither is a burner, both have had 50-catch seasons in the past. Perkins has strung together two good seasons in a row without nagging injuries. The burner is young Floyd Edwards, a free-agent rookie last year who made his debut with five catches for 148 yards against Philadelphia. John Myster caught two touchdown passes coming off the bench and has proved to be an excellent possession receiver. The new tight ends are third-rounder Jamie Williams of Nebraska and fifth-rounder Malcolm Scott of LSU. Both have

1982 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Daniels, 54 points on 12 field goals and 18 PATs. 18th

RUSHING—Woolfolk, 112 carries for 439 yards, 3.9 avg., 2 TDs. 12th

PASSING—Brunner, 181 of 298 attempts for 2,017 yards and 10 TDs. 10th

RECEIVING—Mullady, 27 receptions for 287 yards, 10.6 avg., no TDs. 28th

INTERCEPTIONS—Jackson, 4 for 75 yards, 18.8 avg. 4th

PUNTING—Jennings, 49 punts, 42.6 avg., longest 73 yards. 4th

PUNT RETURNS—Bright, 37 for 325 yards, 8.8 avg. 5th

KICKOFF RETURNS—Woolfolk, 20 for 428 yards, 21.4 avg. 12th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 7 NEW YORK JETS (N)
12 At Pittsburgh (N)
20 BALTIMORE (N)
26 MIAMI (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

September 4 LOS ANGELES RAMS
11 At Atlanta
18 At Dallas
26 GREEN BAY (N)
October 2 SAN DIEGO
9 PHILADELPHIA
16 At Kansas City
24 At St. Louis (N)
30 DALLAS
November 7 At Detroit (N)
13 WASHINGTON
20 At Philadelphia
27 At Los Angeles Raiders
December 4 ST. LOUIS
11 SEATTLE
17 At Washington

1982 SCORES

14-16
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Linebacker Lawrence Taylor, the NFL's defensive player of the year, and quarterback Scott Brunner of the New York Giants



Linebacker Brian Kelley (top) and running back Butch Woolfolk of NY

good size, speed and catching ability and both would be welcome additions in an old-fashioned trouble spot. Tom Mullady and Gary Shirk have shared the position for the past three seasons, each catching 69 passes. Mullady is a better receiver than a blocker. His 27 receptions led the club last year. Shirk is the perennial overachiever.

The offensive line is not one of the stronger or deeper areas on the team, much to the chagrin of the quarterbacks. The Giants wanted an offensive tackle high in the draft and didn't, and one until their second choice in the third round, Iowa States Kar. Nelson. Although he is 6-6, 272, he probably doesn't have the upper body strength necessary to step in right away. The main concern is left tackle, the most demanding position on the line. Jeff Weston started there last year, but was injured in the first game, another of the many distractions that hurt. His bad knee forced his retirement. Brad Benson finished at tackle and may have to handle the job again, although the Giants would prefer to make him a guard. Gordon King is solid at right tackle and has been elected offensive captain. Rich Baldinger is a second-year backup with no game experience. Guard Roy Simmons may switch to tackle. Depth at guard appears more comforting. Billy Ard has played well on the left side and JT Turner may have won back his old job on the right side after losing it to Bruce Kimball, who was injured. Ernie Hughes, also a center, and John Tautolo both have had experience. Center Rich Umphrey was a pleasant surprise as a rookie starter last year. He is backed up by Chris Foote. Guard Kevin Belcher is a sixth-round prospect from Texas El Paso.

There is a hole on the defensive line as well, but defense is not one of Parcells' primary worries. It better be the team's strength. The Giants ranked seventh in the league in defense last year, down a bit from their No. 3 ranking the year before but nevertheless quite adequate. Their main shortcoming was stopping the run, where they slipped from tenth to 20th.

With Lawrence Taylor operating from his right outside linebacker spot, Parcells has the kind of defense that can dominate a game, an unusual thing in these days of unlimited offenses. Taylor, inside linebacker Harry Carson, and left cornerback Mark Haynes all are Pro Bowl players. No. 1 draft choice Terry Kinard is compared to San Francisco's Ronnie Lott, so another potential Pro Bowler looms.

The retirement of Phil Tabor, however, and the trade to the Rams of Gary Jeter left Parcells with no one to play right end in front of Taylor except journeyman Dee Haskison. While opposing coaches may argue that Taylor shouldn't be allowed to have anyone in front of him, Parcells will try to fill the spot. LSU's Leonard Marshall will get the job if he lives up to his scouting reports. The second-round draft choice was rated a first-rounder by the Giants. At 6-3, 282, he has the size. The Giants think he has the speed and strength to do it and are most impressed by his annual improvement. Some teams rated Marshall as a nose tackle, but the Giants like him at end, although they agree he could move inside if necessary. If he can't help right away at end, Parcells might have to do some juggling. Nose tackle Bill Neill could move outside to his college position, because backups Jim Burt and Jerome Sully aren't bad. Or if worst comes to worst, one of the alternating left ends, Curtis McGriff or George Martin, could move to right and Parcells prefers to keep them on the left, where McGriff stops the run and Martin rushes the passer.

Linebacking is the strength of the defense again, but characteristic of all coaches. Parcells is concerned about depth. He will get no sympathy from rivals. The only linebacker among the four starters who has not made the Pro Bowl is inside man Brian Kelley, who deserves it. Consider his game against Washington last year: 17 tackles (five for losses), two interceptions, and two deflected passes. Kelley was second on the team in tackles. Carson was first, Taylor third. Add former All-Pro Brad Van Pelt from the left side and the unit accounted for 15 quarterback sacks, five interceptions, three blocked kicks, and eight forced fumbles.

Age is a consideration. Carson will turn 31 late in the season. Van Pelt is 32. Kelley will be 32 when the season starts. So Parcells drafted prospects at linebacker in the sixth, eighth, and twelfth rounds of the draft. Van Pelt already is being pushed by Byron Hunt, a 6-5, 230-pounder who wouldn't be sitting on many benches. Inside reserves Mike Whittington and Joe McLaughlin are more the special teams types.

Taylor has been named the league's defensive player of the year by the Associated Press for two years. A two-year veteran can't do much more, yet Giants' fans anticipate that he probably will. No defensive player since Minnesota's Alan Page in 1971 has been named the league's most valuable player. Tay-

lor has those credentials if the Giants win. When opponents gear their game plans to stop Taylor, the 6-3, 237-pounder already has done his job before he steps on the field. Even if opponents succeed in stopping him, they invariably leave the Giants' defense free to do something else.

Kinard joins a secondary that jumped from 26th in pass defense to sixth in two years. Although billed as an instant starter, the Clemson product will not get a job handed to him, according to free safety Beasley Reece. It is Reece's spot that appears most vulnerable, but Reece is no stiff and his attention as

GIANTS' DEFENSIVE LINEBACKERS

NFL									
no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college		
67	Ard, Billy	G	6-3	250	24	3	Wake Forest		
74	Baldinger, Rich	T	6-4	270	24	2	Wake Forest		
60	Benson, Brad	T	6-3	258	28	6	Penn St.		
45	Bright, Leon	RB	5-9	192	28	3	Florida St.		
12	Brunner, Scott	QB	6-5	200	26	4	Delaware		
64	Burt, Jim	T	6-1	255	24	3	Miami		
22	Carpenter, Brian	DB	5-10	187	23	2	Michigan		
26	Carpenter, Rob	RB	6-1	230	28	7	Miami (OH)		
53	Carson, Harry	LB	6-2	235	30	8	S.C. State		
31	Chatham, Cliff	RB	6-2	225	24	2	Central St.		
29	Curler, Bill	S	6-0	202	28	7	South Carolina		
18	Dancio, Joe	K	5-9	166	30	9	Washington St.		
46	Dennis, Mike	CB	5-10	190	25	4	Wyoming		
88	Eddings, Floyd	WR	5-11	177	25	2	California		
37	Flowers, Larry	S	6-1	190	25	3	Texas Tech		
66	Foot, Chris	C	6-3	250	27	4	Southern Cal		
83	Gray, Ernest	WR	6-3	195	26	5	Memphis St.		
79	Haskison, Dee	DE	6-4	269	27	6	North Carolina		
36	Haynes, Mark	CB	5-11	198	25	4	Colorado		
27	Heater, Larry	RB	5-11	205	25	4	Arizona		
61	Hughes, Ernie	C	6-3	265	28	5	Notre Dame		
57	Hunt, Byron	LB	6-5	230	25	3	SMU		
24	Jackson, Terry	CB	5-11	197	28	6	San Diego St.		
13	Jennings, Dave	P	6-4	205	31	10	St. Lawrence		
65	Kelley, Brian	LB	6-3	222	31	11	Cal Lutheran		
63	Kimball, Bruce	G	6-2	260	27	2	Miami		
72	King, Gordon	T	6-6	275	27	6	Stanford		
51	Marion, Frank	LB	6-3	223	32	7	Florida A&M		
75	Martin, George	DE	6-4	245	30	9	Oregon		
54	Matthews, Bill	LB	6-2	235	27	5	South Dakota St.		
39	Mayock, Mike	S	6-2	195	25	2	Boston College		
76	McGriff, Curtis	DE	6-5	265	25	4	Alabama		
52	McLaughlin, Joe	LB	6-1	235	26	5	Massachusetts		
85	Misler, John	WR	6-2	186	25	3	Arizona St.		
20	Morris, Joe	RB	5-7	190	29	2	Syracuse		
81	Mullady, Tom	TE	6-3	232	28	5	SW Memphis		
77	Neill, Bill	T	6-4	255	24	3	Pittsburgh		
86	Perkins, Johnny	WR	6-2	205	30	7	Abilene Chris		
82	Pittman, Danny	WR	6-2	205	25	4	Wyoming		
28	Reece, Beasley	S	6-1	195	29	8	North Texas St.		
8	Reed, Mark	QB	6-3	196	24	2	Morehead		
17	Rutledge, Jeff	CB	6-1	190	26	5	Alabama		
78	Sally, Jerome	DT	6-3	260	24	2	Missouri		
44	Shaw, Pete	S	5-10	183	29	7	Northwestern		
87	Shirk, Gary	TE	6-1	220	33	8	Morehead St.		
69	Simmons, Roy	G	6-3	264	27	6	Georgia Tech		
11	Simms, Phil	QB	6-3	216	27	4	Morehead St.		
65	Tautolo, John	C	6-3	260	24	2	UCLA		
56	Taylor, Lawrence	LB	6-3	237	24	9	North Carolina		
68	Turner, JT	G	6-3	250	30	7	Duke		
59	Umphrey, Rich	C	6-3	255	25	2	Colorado		
10	Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	31	11	Michigan St.		
58	Whittington, Mike	LB	6-2	220	25	4	Notre Dame		
25	Woolfolk, Butch	RB	6-1	207	23	2	Michigan		

DRAFT PICKS

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Kinard, Terry	DB	5-11	190	22	Clemson
2	Marshall, Leonard	DT	6-3	282	22	LSU
3	Williams, Jamie	TE	6-5	230	23	Nebraska
3	Neison, Karl	OT	6-6	272	23	Iowa St.
5	Scott, Malcolm	TE	6-4	238	22	LSU
6	Patterson, Darrell	LB	6-3	235	21	TCU
6	Belcher, Kevin	OG	6-3	255	22	Texas-El Paso
7	Williams, Perry	DB	6-2	193	22	M.C. St.
8	Headen, Andy	LB	6-5	230	23	Clemson
9	Haji-Sheikh, Ali	PK	6-0	172	22	Michigan
11	Jenkins, Lee	DB	5-11	182	22	Tennessee
11	Pierson, Clencie	DT	6-7	260	23	Rice
12	Jones, Robbie	LB	6-3	230	24	Alabama
12	Magwood, Frank	WR	6-0	190	22	Clemson
12	Tuggle, John	RB	6-1	210	22	California

player representative will not be diverted by an on activity this year. Reece has recovered nine fumbles in recent years, attesting to his heads-up play.

Interceptions are what the Giants need and they hope Kinard can help. If not as a starter then as the nickel back. He is said to have the speed to play the corner, and he didn't get the nickname "Special K" for eating cereal. His potential for endorsements in New York would appear boundless. Haynes led the secondary in tackles, and with few passers challenging him, he intercepted only once. Right cornerback Terry Jackson led the club with four thefts. Mike Dennis is a former starting corner and Brian Carpenter adds depth at the position. Two late-round draft choices also will try to stick. Bill Currier has been solid at strong safety beside Reece.

The Giants' effectiveness on defense extends to punter Dave Jennings and often starts with him. He led the league in kicks inside the 20 with 16. He has been to the Pro Bowl four times. A 12-for-21 season for place-kicker Joe Danelo prompted the Giants to draft Michigan's Ali Haj-Sheikh to challenge Leon Bright is a reliable punt return man. Woolfolk led the club in kickoff returns, but Parcells may want to save him for other things this year.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

The St. Louis Cardinals are ready to join the rest of the NFC East, where everybody seems to go to the playoffs. The Cardinals made a brief visit to the postseason party last year but that was by special invitation. The league needed volunteers so the fans would forget the strike. The Cardinals showed up with their 5-4 record and were embarrassed, 41-16, by Green Bay a team with a 5-3-1 record. They knew they were better than their exit indicated, but they remained realistic.

"We're one more good draft away from being a contender," said owner Bill Bidwill before the last draft. That was because the Cardinals could boast of good drafts in 1980-81-82. They like their 1983 bunch, especially because they needed cornerbacks and came away with four. But the class of 1983 has to prove on the field that it can match its predecessors. If it does, coach Jim Hanifan could be ready to crash the playoff party along with everybody else.

Besides all the defensive backs, Hanifan acquired another ingredient he hopes will help his club realize its offensive potential. He hired an offensive coordinator Rod Dowhower who held that position with the Denver Broncos for three years before coming back to St. Louis, where he spent the 1973 season under Don Coryell. Dowhower was head coach at Stanford for a year and has also been associated with Bill Walsh, Dick Vermeil, and Dan Reeves. Hanifan hired him because he "has a remarkable success in developing young quarterbacks."

If Dowhower can do for quarterback Neil Lomax what Cardinal defensive coordinator Floyd Peters did for his platoon, St. Louis fans should have reason to get excited. Under Peters, hired by Hanifan a year ago, the Cardinals improved from 23rd to 14th in defense from 25th to 12th against the run.

Dowhower's challenge is to design an offense to take best advantage of Lomax's

diverse skills. The third-year thrower is not a conventional pocket passer. He needs to roll out, run draws, and drift behind moving pockets—all the things that conceivably could drive a defense into a frenzy.

Last year the first for Lomax as a starter the Cardinals used an offense designed to keep pressure off the quarterback. They threw fewer passes than anyone in the NFC. They used quite a bit of the double tight end formation in vogue, but their tight ends caught only 11 passes among them. They blocked for a running game designed to keep Lomax mentally and physically healthy. He responded by throwing the fewest interceptions in the conference six, but also the fewest TD passes, five. Now, it is time for the 6-3, 215-pounder to break out and show what he can do. Anyone who threw seven touchdown passes in one quarter in college—in 1980 for Portland State against Delaware State—has talent, even if he played small-college ball.

Dowhower plans a more sophisticated attack that might look suspiciously like the shifts and motion made famous by Dallas. First, though, he must find enough receivers to make it work. Tight ends Doug Marsh and Greg Lafleur shared the starting job when they weren't playing at the same time. But both blocked more than caught.

"They really aided our running game, and we're hoping Doug can develop into the well-rounded tight end we're looking for, the guy who can get deep. Of course, Greg is really thought of as a starter as well, so we'll see who comes out on top."

Hanifan also has high hopes for a tenth-round pick of a year ago, Eddie McGill, who was hampered by a knee injury. The unsung player from Western Carolina has fine speed plus 6-6 height. He'll get a chance to help at wide receiver as well as tight end.

The need for a third wide receiver to com-

plement starters Pat Tilley and Roy Green was increased by the retirement of Mel Gray. Tilley has led the team in receiving for five straight years, a tribute to the consistency he demonstrates on every play. Green became a big-play man in his first full season as a receiver. "Roy has not realized his full potential yet, but he has an opportunity to become one of the best in the league," said Hanifan.

Mike Shumann and Ken Thompson will be joined by McGill and former receiver Dave Stief in the battle for the third spot. Stief moved back from defense. Draftees Steve Bird of Eastern Kentucky and Aaron Williams of Washington are also in the picture.

The shortage of receivers is offset by the Cardinals' number of good running backs. Ottis Anderson enters his fifth season after finishing among the league leaders in each of his first four.

"Only one person, Earl Campbell, has outrushed him since he came into the league, and O.J. still can be even better than he is right now," said Hanifan. "He'll be used in different ways this year, possibly more as a pass receiver, but coach Dowhower and the staff will be looking for the best ways to utilize his extraordinary talents."

What makes Anderson great are the times he hits the hole and heads upfield with abandon and speed unmatched in most parts. When he hesitates, or runs out of bounds, he is lost among the running back crowd. Anderson is perfectly teamed with Wayne Morris, a very steady performer. He blocks, scores, leads, and does not fumble.

One of Dowhower's more enjoyable problems will be figuring out how to get more out of Stump Mitchell's ability. Whenever he subs for Anderson, the little sprinter raises eye-

Quarterback Neil Lomax begins his third season with the Cardinals.

SCORING —O'Donoghue, 39 points on 8 field goals and 15 PATs. T18th	
RUSHING —Anderson, 145 carries for 587 yards, 4.0 avg., 3 TDs. 4th	
PASSING —Lomax, 109 of 205 attempts for 1,367 yards and 5 TDs. 18th	
RECEIVING —Tilley, 36 receptions for 465 yards, 12.9 avg., 2 TDs. 6th	
INTERCEPTIONS —six players had one apiece	
PUNTING —Birdsong, 54 punts, 43.8 avg., longest 65 yards. 1st	
PUNT RETURNS —Mitchell, 27 for 165 yards, 6.1 avg. 12th	
KICKOFF RETURNS —Mitchell, 16 for 364 yards, 22.8 avg. T5th	

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6	Minnesota (at London, England)
13	CHICAGO (N)
20	At Kansas City (N)
27	GREEN BAY (N)

1983 SCHEDULE		1982 SCORES
September 4	At New Orleans	21-7
11	DALLAS	7-24
18	SAN FRANCISCO	20-31
25	At Philadelphia	23-20
October 2	At Kansas City	—
9	WASHINGTON	7-12
16	At Tampa Bay	—
24	NEW YORK GIANTS (N)	24-21
30	MINNESOTA	—
November 6	At Washington	0-28
13	SEATTLE	—
20	SAN DIEGO	—
24	At Dallas	—
December 4	At New York Giants	—
11	At Los Angeles Raiders	—
18	PHILADELPHIA	—





Running back O.J. Anderson (top) and linebacker E.J. Junior (#54) are two letter-perfect performers for the St. Louis Cardinals.

brows everywhere. Against the Eagles last season, he gained 145 yards and scored a touchdown. He also has few equals in the punt- and kickoff-return department, and he caught almost as many passes as Anderson. Wilard Harrell plays in passing situations.

The highlight of Lomax's first season was the play of a young offensive line, which protected him in the manner to which quarterback Jim Hart became accustomed. Hart remains as Lomax's backup and mentor at age 39, and his health would not be endangered operating behind the front five.

The development of rookie tackles Luis Sharpe and Tootie Robbins was an endorsement of the coaching of former line tutor Hanifan. Few coaches would risk playing two rookies at once at the tackle spots, let alone expect good results.

"They did a tremendous job, as evidenced by our being one of the very best rushing offenses in the league," said Hanifan.

The conservative approach was designed with more than Lomax in mind. Sharpe started at left tackle from the first day of practice and proved he could handle the most demanding job on the line. It took Robbins only two days of practice to be named No. 1

at right tackle. The experiment worked, partly because 12-year veteran tackle Dan Dierdorf made a smooth transition to center. Not only could he give pointers to the rookies, he could help keep people off the backs of the entire line by dominating at his new position. At 290, Dierdorf didn't need much help handling nose tackles. Guards Terry Stieve and Joe Bostic missed only one game between them in a welcome departure from past instability at the position. According to Hanifan, Bostic was the best offensive lineman on the team. Depth is a concern. Art Punkett is the only veteran backup tackle. Guards Barney Cotton and Rick Kehr are returning from injury. Randy Clark plays center, where Hanifan added huge Carlos Scott in the seventh round of the draft.

On defense, the improvements engineered by Peters were not enough to put the Cardinals on a par with the other defenses in the division. So they drafted nine defensive players in anticipation of more changes. Four of the

first seven picks played cornerback in college, which provides an obvious hint of where one change is expected. But improvement in any backfield starts with improvement up front. So Peters wants better play from his front four, too.

Right end Curtis Greer again led the club in sacks and also recovered three fumbles and deflected two passes to establish himself as a dominant figure. Still better against the pass than the run, Greer nevertheless has Pro Bowl potential. At left end, newcomer Elois Grooms provided steady play and finished second to Greer in sacks. The tackle spots are where Peters wants more action. Second-year man David Galloway unseated Rush Brown by the end of his rookie season and is expected to start again this year. If either third-round draft choice Ramsey Dardar of LSU or fourth-round choice Mark Duda of Maryland could win the left tackle job from veteran Mike Dawson, the line would be even more improved, because Dawson still has life left. "Mike started the year off strong with a couple of sacks in the first game and was playing well," said Hanifan. "I think the strike interruption hurt him more than others, but he should come back with a full season ahead." Other backup linemen are Stafford Mays and Bruce Thornton.

Another change could occur at middle linebacker, where former San Francisco 49er Craig Puki will be given an opportunity to beat out third-year man Dave Ahrens. Better play

from the tackles, of course, might make it easier for Ahrens to keep his job.

"Dave's kind of a throwback to the old style of football player. He gets the job done with determination and enjoys hitting," said Hanifan. In other words, he doesn't enjoy the same athletic ability as the outside starters, E.J. Junior on the left and Charlie Baker on the right. Junior was able to settle into one position for the first time last year and began to demonstrate the skill that put him in the same class as Lawrence Taylor and Hugh Green as a rookie draft choice. In 1981 Baker led the team in tackles from the other side. "He's the old man of the group with three years experience," said Hanifan.

In the secondary, the aggressive Jeff Griffin was the only cornerback Hanifan could count on to start. So McNeese State's Leonard Smith was drafted No. 1 to play right corner

If he can't do it, Baylor's Cedric Mack was drafted No. 2. If he can't do it, Tjane's Lione Washington was drafted No. 4B. If he can't do it, Delaware's George Schmitt was drafted No. 6. If he can't do it, nobody is left. Actually, the coaches were so satisfied with Smith, Mack, and Washington at the rookie minicamp that Schmitt was moved to safety.

There are also three other erstwhile cornerbacks on the Cardinal roster. Wayne Smith arrived from Detroit and could challenge for either a starting or a nickel job. Herb Williams played nickel back last year and corner in a pinch. Strong safety Lee Nelson is a former corner who can cover in three-receiver situations. Nelson seems to have found a home at strong safety beside last year's rookie find, free safety Benny Perrin. Vance Bedford, Don Bessille, and the Cardinals' fifth rookie draftee, Auburn's Bob Harris, will vie for backup spots inside.

Place-kicker Neil O'Donoghue and punter Carl Birdsong have given the Cardinals stability where they once were vulnerable. Birdsong led the NFC with a 43.8-yard average. Mitchell is the key return man.

Over the last four years, 25 of the Cardinals' draft choices have made the team, 14 became starters. Last year, the Cards were the youngest team in the NFL in the playoffs, reason for optimism. "Perhaps our biggest accomplishment was the amount of confidence this team gained. We've eliminated that defeatist attitude," said Hanifan.

The Cards play the second-toughest schedule in the NFC—behind the Giants—but that's the price of competing in the NFC East.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Shorter practices might be the most welcome change for the Eagles this year as they move from the Dick Vermeil regime to the Marion Campbell plan. Shorter practices could mean longer staying power. If Vermeil was burned out, think of how his players felt. The big line-men especially couldn't sustain their energy. Sundays were like a day off, which the Eagles frequently took.

"I don't say this to be negative, but I think it's important to emphasize that our problems go back beyond last season," said Campbell. "In my mind they go back to when Minnesota beat us in 1981 after we had started out winning our first six games. Since that time we have not been a very good football team."

"We have beaten only one good team since then, and that was Dallas last year. I don't want our players or coaches or anyone thinking that we can go to camp this year and say, 'Last season was last season and everything's going to be okay. If we all do that, it would be a very serious mistake.'"

Since going to the Super Bowl and winning those first six games the following season, the Eagles are 7-12. After finishing first in fewest points allowed for five straight seasons, they slipped to 19th, giving up 21 points a game. Being the defense's coach, Campbell cites defensive improvement as his No. 1 priority. But offensive changes are in order as well. For one thing, the Eagles must try to control the ball more, the surest path toward defensive success.

The Eagles fell from fourth in the league in rushing to 25th. A team with Wilbert Montgomery has no excuse for finishing 25th in rushing. Now that Montgomery has help in the

form of No. 1 draft choice Michael Haddix, the Eagles plan more two-back formations and more consistent running. They may be one of the few teams in the league to put the two-tight end, one-back alignment on hold.

Back to basics is only one area of concentration. Campbell's stated goal at the draft was to improve team speed. No formal on or philosophy will overcome slow players.

"The name of the game is speed. I don't care how you look at it," said Campbell. "Jefferson, Chandler, Lofton—all bullets coming at you. We've got to be aware of it and try to match it. No question about it."

That is why they picked Haddix over the bigger, more conventional fullback type James Jones of Florida, even though Jones appeared to be the more logical complement for Montgomery. "He's a legitimate 4.5," Campbell said about Haddix. "He ran 4.49 for me at 231 pounds."

Speed was a factor on two of the three picks following Haddix. Safety Wes Hopkins has the speed to play nickel coverages and run with receivers. And wide receiver Glen Young, a teammate of Haddix's, might be the Eagles' fastest receiver and will help with kick returns immediately.

The Eagles want to get back fast. Their 3-6 record left them alone at the bottom of the NFC East. Montgomery is a key. Last year he carried the ball only 12 times a game, about half his normal load. Entering his seventh season, Montgomery has worked hard and now weighs about 200. "The thing we've got to do is get the ball into his hands more," said Campbell.

Vermeil, under the influence of passing master Sid Gilman, got away from the run last year and paid for it. "We talked and said the improvement of our multiple formation-type offense in training camp. We didn't concentrate enough on the two-back attack, head-butting type offense," said Vermeil.

1982 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Montgomery, 54 points on 9 touchdowns.
18th
RUSHING—Montgomery, 114 carries for 615 yards, 4.5 avg., 7 TDs. 79th
PASSING—Jaworski, 167 of 286 attempts for 2,076 yards and 12 TDs. 7th
RECEIVING—Carmichael, 35 receptions for 540 yards, 15.4 avg., 4 TDs. 9th
INTERCEPTIONS—Edwards, 5 for 3 yards, 0.6 avg. 3rd
PUNTING—Runager, 44 punts, 40.5 avg., longest 53 yards.
10th
PLANT RETURNS—Henry, 20 for 103 yards, 5.2 avg. 114th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Henry, 24 for 541 yards, 22.5 avg. 8th

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13 AT SAN DIEGO (N)
20 AT GREEN BAY
25 PITTSBURGH (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

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11 WASHINGTON
18 AT DENVER
25 ST. LOUIS
October 2 AT ATLANTA
9 AT NEW YORK GIANTS
16 DALLAS
23 CHICAGO
30 BALTIMORE
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27 AT WASHINGTON
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18 AT ST. LOUIS

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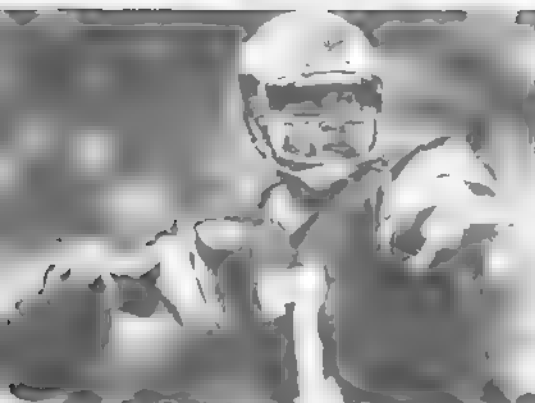
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PHILADELPHIA EAGLES ROSTER

No.	Name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college
58	Ahrens, Dave	LB	6-3	228	26	3	Wisconsin
51	Aikman, Kurt	LB	6-2	222	26	7	Penn St.
32	Anderson, Otis	RB	6-2	220	26	6	Miami
	Audick, Dan	G-T	6-3	253	29	5	Miami
52	Baker, Charlie	LB	6-2	217	26	4	New Mexico
41	Bedford, Vance	CB	5-11	170	25	2	Texas
46	Bessille, Don	DB	6-1	200	27	5	Georgia Tech
18	Birdsong, Carl	P	6-0	192	24	3	S.W. Oklahoma
71	Bostic, Joe	G	6-3	265	26	5	Clemson
69	Brown, Rush	DT	6-2	260	29	4	Ball St.
64	Clark, Randy	C	6-3	254	26	4	Northern Illinois
60	Cotton, Barney	G	6-5	265	27	4	Nebraska
73	Dawson, Mike	DT	6-4	270	30	8	Arizona
72	Diebold, Dan	C	6-3	290	34	12	Michigan
31	Ferreil, Earl	RB	6-0	215	25	2	E. Tennessee St.
65	Galloway, David	DT	6-3	277	24	2	Florida
57	Gillen, John	LB	6-3	228	25	3	Illinois
81	Green, Roy	WR	6-0	195	26	5	Henderson St.
75	Guer, Curtis	DE	6-4	252	26	4	Michigan
76	Griffin, Jeff	CB	6-4	252	25	3	Utah
78	Grooms, Elvis	DE	6-4	250	30	8	Tennessee Tech
39	Harrell, Willard	RB	5-8	182	31	9	Pacific
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-1	210	39	18	Southern Illinois
54	Junior, E.J.	LB	6-3	235	24	3	Alabama
89	Lafleur, Greg	TE	6-4	236	25	3	LSU
16	Lisch, Rusty	QB	6-3	213	27	4	Noise Dame
15	Lomax, Neu	QB	6-3	215	24	3	Portland St.
40	Love, Randy	RB	6-1	205	27	5	Houston
80	Marsh, Doug	TE	6-3	240	25	4	Michigan
76	Mays, Stafford	DE	6-2	250	25	4	Washington
87	McGinn, Eddie	TE	6-6	225	23	2	Western Carolina
30	Mitchell, Stump	RB	5-9	168	24	3	The Citadel
24	Morris, Wayne	RB	6-0	210	29	8	SMU
38	Nelson, Lee	S	5-10	185	29	8	Florida State
11	O'Donoghue, Neil	K	6-6	210	30	7	Auburn
23	Perrin, Benny	S	6-2	178	24	2	Alabama
70	Plunkett, Art	T	6-7	270	24	3	UNLV
50	Puk, Craig	LB	6-1	231	26	4	Tennessee
76	Robbins, Tootie	T	6-4	278	24	2	Eas. Carolina
74	Schro, Bob	G	6-4	255	24	2	Colorado
53	Shaffer, Craig	LB	6-0	230	24	2	Indiana St.
67	Sharpe, Luis	T	6-4	260	23	2	JCLA
84	Shumann, Mike	WR	6-1	185	28	6	Florida St.
44	Smith, Wayne	CB	6-0	175	26	4	Purdue
21	Spiel, Dave	DB	6-3	195	27	6	Portland St.
68	Shove, Terry	G	6-2	265	29	7	Wisconsin
79	Thurston, Bruce	DT	6-5	263	25	5	Illinois
83	Tilley, Pat	WR	5-10	178	30	8	Louisiana Tech
42	Williams, Herb	DB	6-0	200	25	4	Southern Cal.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES ROSTER

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Smith, Leonard	DB	5-11	190	23	McNeese St
2	Mack, Cedric	DB	6-0	190	23	Baylor
3	Dardar, Ramsay	DT	6-2	264	24	LSU
4	Duda, Mark	DT	6-3	263	22	Maryland
5	Washington, Lionel	DB	6-0	184	23	Tulane
6	Elrod, Steve	WR	5-11	171	23	E Kentucky
7	Schmitt, George	DB	5-11	193	22	Delaware
8	Scott, Carlos	C	6-4	289	23	Texas El Paso
9	Harris, Bob	DB	6-2	205	23	Auburn
10	Brown, Otis	RB	5-11	200	23	Jackson St.
11	Lucas, Tim	LB	6-4	230	22	California
12	Williams, Aaron	WR	6-0	170	23	Washington
13	Lane, James	LB	6-3	225	23	Alabama St.



Eagles' quarterback Ron Jaworski

By default Haddix has the job beside Montgomery even though he played in the wishbone at Mississippi State and has a lot to learn. "In the wishbone they don't throw a lot but he has good hands," said Campbell. "Blocking for a wishbone he'll have to learn how to block for the pro game. He never shies away from contact. He has that character where you can teach him to block."

Haddix is more than a potential blocker of course. He rushed for 2,558 yards in college at the rate of six yards per carry, so he is no plodder. The problem may come not in teaching him to block, but in figuring out how to divide the rushing time wisely between Montgomery and Haddix.

Behind the two the Eagles have Billy Campbell, Perry Harrington, Hubie Oliver, and Don Calhoun. For additional depth they drafted

Michael Williams in the fourth round from Mississippi College. Harrington always was more of a halfback than the fullback they tried to make him, so maybe he will blossom with the pressure off. Oliver must recover from injury to make an impact.

Handing off more often will make Ron Jaworski a more effective quarterback. Although he didn't have a bad year, he finished seventh in the NFC in passing, his second average season after leading the conference during the Eagles' 1980 Super year.

"His first two games last year were excellent," said Campbell. "Then came the long layoff, and Ron is the type of guy that cannot take a long layoff. He's got to keep throwing and working. The key for Ron is to get back going like he was in 1980 and 1981."

Two veterans back up Jaworski—Joe Pisarcik and Dan Pastorini. Between them they threw one pass last year. Pisarcik's Pastorini has been away from football action since playing five games for Oakland in 1980. The Eagles' twelfth-round draft choice, Baylor's David Mangrum, is an interesting selection with potential. The 6-4, 200-pounder threw only 100 passes as a collegian. He was hampered by injuries, including a shoulder separation in the spring before his senior season. He was impressive in postseason work.

Jaworski should hail the arrival of receiver Young, rated as a first-round prospect by some teams but not taken until the third. Young is big (6-2, 205) and runs a consistent 4.5 in the wishbone. He managed to catch 48 passes for 771 yards during his career. He averaged 11.1 yards on punt returns and 23.3 on kickoff returns. He'll challenge last year's

No. 1 draft choice Mike Quick, for a starting role opposite the venerable Harold Carmichael, who has been looking for a steady partner for some time. Last year's starter, Ron Smith, was spectacular and inconsistent.

In training camp he was catching everything thrown at him. He started the season the same way, but after the layoff he was not as sharp. He had some dropped balls in some key situations, and I know his hands are better than that," said Campbell.

Quick is tough but perhaps not as fast as Young. If Carmichael ever gets too old, the two could give the Eagles a new quick and young look. But Carmichael, 34, was still effective last year. "He's been around so long that he knows so much about who he's playing and he uses that knowledge very effectively. I can't see why we can't expect him to have another good year," said Campbell.

The Eagles were very happy with the emergence of John Spagnola at tight end last year. "He had the most consistent hands of any of our receivers," said Campbell. His 26 grabs put him third in the group, and his 57-yard catch was Jaworski's longest completion of the year. Two second-year tight ends back up Spagnola. Big Vito Kab is a dominating blocker and played more than Lawrence Sampleton, who has more physical tools.

Offensive tackles Stan Walters and Jerry Sisemore must come through again with steady performances if the Eagles are to regain their winning form. Walters is 35, but he allowed the fewest sacks among the blockers last year, giving up only one from the precarious left side. Sisemore, 31, is coming off an injury. Center Guy Morris is in the

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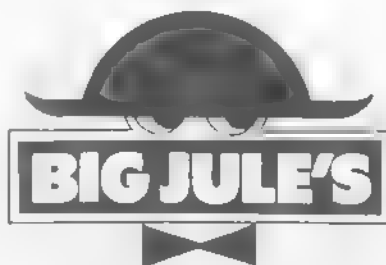
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"He's very smart and controls the line of scrimmage with his calls. We just want to get Guy, as we do all of our players, back to the level of performance that he had during our Super Bowl season," said Campbell.

Three late-round draft choices are the only help the offensive line got through the draft. Two previous early-rounders, former No. 2 guards Peley Perot and Dean Miranda, have yet to earn starting spots. Free agent Steve Kenney's consistency won the left-guard spot while veteran Ron Baker is coming off his best year ever at right guard. Mark Slater and Frank Giddens are backups at center and tackle, respectively. Giddens was impressive after Sisemore was hurt last year.

Campbell's projected changes on defense involve the linebacking and secondary. The front three of Dennis Harrison, Ken Carle and Car Hairston will change only if somebody like former No. 1 Leonard Mitchell comes on so strongly he can't be ignored. Harrison led Philadelphia in quarterback sacks last year from left end. Nobody else came close. Clarke was second on the club in tackles, proving he was a capable replacement for the departed Charles Johnson, a former all-pro nose tackle. Right end Carl Hairston, 30, slipped a bit from his past all-pro level performance. "I think it's really important that he come on and give us the kind of year that he had in 1981," said Campbell.

If the 6-7, 272-pound Mitchell blossoms, the Eagle line would be tough to throw over, with the 6-8 Harrison at the other end. Mitchell was considered the prototype as a collegian. "If he's ever going to do it, it should be this year," said Campbell, who has contemplated shifting Mitchell to offensive tackle. End Greg Brown and nose tackle Harvey Armstrong are young prospects also ready to make moves.

Changes at linebacker are certain. Second-year man Anthony Griggs is the new starter at the right outside spot where Reggie Wilkes played last year. Wilkes' move back to the left side. Jerry Robinson's move inside next to Frank LeMaster resulted in a team-leading 95 tackles. The addition of second-round draft choice Jody Schultz of East Carolina adds another dimension inside.

"To be a better pass-rush team we've got to get more out of our linebackers," said Campbell. "Griggs is a big, physical guy with a lot of speed, and I'm hopeful that he will give us a strong pass rush from the right side."

Zack Valentine and Mike Curcio also will compete for spots. Schultz could be a big surprise. At 6-4, 235, he was highly regarded by scouts and "made more quarterback sacks and was in on more plays than the linebackers drafted before him," said Campbell.

Another youth movement is imminent in the secondary, where second-round draft pick Hopkins could challenge strong safety Randy Logan. A walk-on at SMU, Hopkins got labeled a "dirty player" by Mustang teammate Eric Dickerson. "He has a rare combination of size, speed and strength. They don't come up like him but every five or ten years," said Campbell.

Running back Wilbert Montgomery (top), strong safety Ray Ellis (#24), and cornerback Roynell Young lead the Philadelphia Eagles.

At the corners, the Eagles are good with Herman Edwards and Roynell Young, although Young had problems last year following his Pro Bowl season of 1981. Few corners play smarter than Edwards. Richard Blackmore is a good backup and Dennis DeVaughan was impressive as a rookie. Logan is better against the run than the pass, and free safety Bernard Wilson led the secondary in tackles. John Scarra is a valuable nickel back and Ray Ellis will test Logan.

The rookies are expected to improve the Eagles' special teams, which finished low in punt and kickoff returns and coverage. Young should replace the departed Wally Henry as the kick-return man. Campbell also wants better consistency from both pace-kicker Tony Franklin and punter Max Runager.

EAGLES VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college
96	Armstrong, Harvey	G	6-2	255	24	2	SMU
63	Baker, Ron	G	6-4	250	29	6	Oklahoma St.
27	Blackmore, Richard	CB	5-10	174	27	5	Mississippi St.
98	Brown, Gregory	DE	6-5	240	26	3	Kansas St.
30	Calhoun, Don	RB	6-0	213	30	10	Kansas St.
37	Campbell, Billy	RB	6-0	205	27	6	Kansas
17	Carmichael, Harold	WR	6-8	225	34	13	Southern
71	Clarke, Ken	G	6-2	255	27	6	Syracuse
57	Curcio, Mike	LB	6-1	237	26	3	Temple
25	DeVaughn, Dennis	DB	5-10	175	23	2	Bishop
46	Edwards, Herman	CB	6-0	190	29	7	San Diego St.
24	Ellis, Ray	S	6-1	192	24	3	Ohio St.
1	Franklin, Tony	K	5-8	182	27	5	Texas A&M
79	Giddens, Frank	T	6-7	300	24	3	New Mexico
58	Griggs, Anthony	LB	6-3	220	23	2	Ohio State
78	Hairston, Carl	DE	6-3	260	31	8	Maryland St.
35	Harrington, Perry	PB	5-11	210	25	4	Jackson St.
68	Harrison, Dennis	DE	6-8	275	27	6	Vanderbilt
85	Hootner, Melvin	WR	6-0	185	24	2	Arizona St.
7	Jeworski, Ron	QB	6-2	196	32	9	Youngstown St.
97	Johnson, Charles	G	6-1	262	26	3	Maryland
84	Kab, Vito	TE	6-5	255	24	2	Penn St.
73	Kenney, Steve	G	6-4	262	28	4	Clemson
55	LeMaster, Frank	LB	6-2	238	31	10	Kentucky
41	Logan, Randy	S	6-1	195	32	11	Michigan
45	Mansfield, Von	DB	5-11	185	23	2	Wisconsin
	McGlasco, Ed	C	6-4	250	27	4	Youngstown St.
64	Miranda, Dean	G	6-5	254	25	2	Utah
99	Mitchell, Leonard	DE	6-7	272	25	3	Houston
31	Montgomery, Wilbert	RB	5-10	195	29	7	Abitene Chris
50	Morris, Guy	C	6-4	255	32	11	TCU
34	Oliver, Hubie	PB	5-10	212	26	3	Arizona
6	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-2	205	34	13	Santa Clara
92	Perot, Pete	G	6-2	261	28	5	NW Louisiana
9	Pisarcik, Joe	QB	6-4	220	31	7	New Mexico St.
82	Quick, Mike	WR	6-2	190	24	2	N. C. State
56	Robinson, Jerry	LB	6-2	218	27	5	UCLA
4	Runager, Max	P	6-1	289	27	5	South Carolina
87	Sampton, Lawrence	TE	6-5	233	24	2	Texas
21	Scarra, John	S	5-11	185	29	6	UCLA
76	Sisemore, Jerry	T	6-4	266	32	11	Texas
61	Slater, Mark	C	6-2	257	28	6	Minnesota
81	Smith, Ron	WR	6-1	185	27	6	San Diego St.
88	Spagnow, John	TE	6-4	240	26	5	Yale
54	Valentine, Zack	LB	6-2	220	26	5	East Carolina
75	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	275	35	12	Syracuse
51	Wilkes, Reggie	LB	6-4	230	27	6	Georgia Tech
22	Wilson, Bernard	FS	6-0	175	28	5	Vanderbilt
83	Woodruff, Tony	WR	6-0	175	25	2	Fresno St.
43	Young, Roynell	CB	6-1	181	26	4	Aicomm St.

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	college
1	Haddix, Michael	RB	6-2	227	22	Mississippi St.
2	Hopkins, Wes	DB	6-1	206	22	SMU
2	Schultz, Jody	LB	6-4	235	23	East Carolina
3	Young, Glen	WR	6-3	205	23	Mississippi St.
4	Williams, Michael	RB	6-2	209	22	Miss. College
5	Barby, Byron	OT	6-4	240	23	Southern Cal.
6	Oatis, Victor	WR	6-0	177	24	N.W. Louisiana
7	Edgar, Anthony	RB	5-10	175	24	Hawaii
7	Schulteis, Jon	OG	6-3	256	22	Princeton
8	Kraynak, Rich	LB	6-1	221	22	Pittsburgh
9	Petzer, Rich	OT	6-6	280	24	Rhode Island
10	Struthers, Thomas	DE	6-4	246	22	Jackson St.
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(43) Missouri (-6) at Kansas (44)

WARREN POWERS (29-18)	(7-3)
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Lettermen	37
Starters (Off)	25
Starters (Def)	6

Game No. 10
Turnovers once again hurt the Sooners of Oklahoma. They fumbled nine times, losing six of them en route to a loss. Bob Meyer rushed for 108 yards and one touchdown lead the Tigers to the upset.

Oklahoma	7	0	0
Missouri	3	10	6
1st Downs	OKLA	16	50-22
Rushes Yds	54-296	138	102
Passing Yds	102	13	22
Return Yds	8-19-2	7-45-3	2-1
Punting	5-41-0	9-64	9-64
Fumbles-lost	9-9	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yds	7-59	1-5	7-55

Totals After 10 Games	MO	OPP	DIFF
1st Dns.	171	135	+36
Rsh. Att.	482	469	+13
Rsh. Yds.	1578	1446	+132
Avg. Rsh.	3.3	3.2	+0.1
Pt. Comp.	145	126	+19
Pt. Att.	284	256	+28
Pt. Yds.	1820	1776	+44
Had Int.	14	18	-4
Ret. Yds.	481	205	+276
Punts	74-39-1	77-40-2	-3-1
Fum-lost	35-17	41-24	-6-7
Pen. Yds.	58-619	59-840	-1-39

POINTS	MO	OPP
Total Pts.(Avg.)	246(24.6)	123(12.3)
Home Pts.(Avg.)	189(26.7)	72(10.3)
Away Pts.(Avg.)	57(19.0)	51(17.0)
POINTS SPREAD	HOME	AWAY
Actual Record	5-2	2-1
Spread Record	4-2	2-1
Record as Favorite	3-1	1-1
Record as Underdog	1-1	1-0
Favorite vs. Spread	2-2	1-1
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Prediction Kansas		
	POINTS	CB
Total Pts.(Avg.)	38(26.3)	
Home Pts.(Avg.)	24(25.5)	
Away Pts.(Avg.)	14(15.3)	
	POINTS SPREAD	HOME
Actual Record	5-2	
Spread Record	4-2	
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DON FAMBROUGH (14-16-2)	(7-3)
Off: Pro-Set	PR: 83-81-82
1981 Schedule	
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Opponent's Power Rating
Opening & Closing Points spread
Points spread Result
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Totals After 10 Games	KAN	OPP	DIFF
1st Dns.	149	184	-15
Rsh. Att.	487	469	+18
Rsh. Yds.	1529	1837	-308
Avg. Rsh.	3.1	3.9	-0.8
Pt. Comp.	93	85	+8
Pt. Att.	187	184	+3
Pt. Yds.	1183	893	+290
Had Int.	11	12	-1
Ret. Yds.	270	438	-168
Punts	68-43.6	57-38.4	+9-4.2
Fum-lost	31-14	25-12	+6-2
Pen.-Yds.	57-555	48-378	+9-177

POINTS	KAN	OPP
Total Pts.(Avg.)	169(16.9)	174(17.4)
Home Pts.(Avg.)	108(18.0)	76(12.7)
Away Pts.(Avg.)	61(15.3)	98(24.5)
POINTS SPREAD	HOME	AWAY
Actual Record	5-1	2-2
Spread Record	2-2-1	1-1
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S. 9 New Orleans	27 (+10)(+9)	w 27-0
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GREEN BAY PACKERS

A one year contract extension for coach Bart Starr instead of the two-year extension he expected makes things fairly clear in Green Bay. This is the year.

"We apparently haven't earned the confidence of our people to a point where they feel a longer contract is appropriate," said Starr. "But we'll just keep working until we do."

Starr must work fast. Only Tom Landry, Bud Grant, Chuck Noll, and Don Shula have been with their clubs longer than Starr has been with his, and all of them have been to multiple Super Bowls. How close are the Packers? "Pretty close," says Starr.

After losing to Dallas in the NFC semifinals, Starr said, "We need some more people." After a couple of months of reflection and even before the draft, Starr said, "We need to strengthen the team in several areas and we need to improve our backup strength, but we have the manpower to win." Apparently, those are the sentiments of Starr's bosses as well. It's not mandatory that Starr go to the Super Bowl in 1983, but it would help.

Two key areas require improvement: protecting the passer and rushing the passer. While that might seem like a general formula for every team, not every team has a James

1982 LEADERS AND NO. 1 PLAYERS

SCORING—Stenerud, 64 points on 13 field goals and 21 PATs. 4th
RUSHING—Ivery, 127 carries for 453 yards, 3.6 avg., 9 TDs. 11th
PASSING—Dickey, 124 of 218 attempts for 1,790 yards and 12 TDs. 9th
RECEIVING—Lofton, 35 receptions for 696 yards, 19.9 avg., 4 TDs. 6th
INTERCEPTIONS—Anderson, 9 for 22 yards, 7.3 avg. 15th
PUNTING—Stachowicz, 42 punts, 40.2 avg., longest 53 yards. 11th
PUNT RETURNS—Epps, 20 for 150 yards, 7.5 avg., 8th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Rodgers, 20 for 436 yards, 21.8 avg. 11th

1982 SCHEDULE
 August 8 CLEVELAND (N)
 12 At Seattle (N)
 20 PHILADELPHIA
 27 At St. Louis (N)

1983 SCHEDULE		1982 SCORES
September 4	At Houston	—
11	PITTSBURGH	—
18	L.A. RAMS (at Milwaukee)	35-23
26	At New York Giants (N)	27-29
October 2	TAMPA BAY	—
9	At Detroit	24-27
17	WASHINGTON (N)	—
23	MINNESOTA	26-7
30	At Cincinnati	—
November 6	CLEVELAND (at Milwaukee)	—
13	At Minnesota	—
20	DETROIT (at Milwaukee)	10-30
27	At Atlanta	38-7
December 4	CHICAGO	—
12	At Tampa Bay (N)	—
18	At Chicago	—



Mike Douglass and Mike Butler (#77) lead the defense.

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Lofton and John Jefferson to catch passes. Their presence tends to make it worth the Packers' while to protect quarterback Lynn Dickey, whose relative immobility makes the need to protect him even more obvious. The Packers have finished fourteenth in passing the last two years despite the presence of Lofton and Jefferson. Last year, they were 24th in giving up quarterback sacks. Part of the result was Dickey was 22nd in interceptions.

On the other side of the ball, the Packers finished eighth in total defense, sixth against the run, and twelfth against the pass. All of those numbers could gain a team entry into the Super Bowl. Yet what if the defense had finished higher than 22nd in sacking opposing quarterbacks? They probably would have finished higher than 22nd in interceptions, too, therefore giving Dickey more chance to throw to Lofton and Jefferson. It's all so simple, isn't it, Bart?

"It's that difference that keeps you from going a game further and then perhaps winning the big one which puts you into the Super Bowl," said the coach.

It's also easier said than done. To improve, the Packers will make a few changes on the offensive line and fewer on defense, where No. 1 draftee Tim Lewis of Pitt could win a starting cornerback job. The defensive alterations shouldn't include end Mike Butler, who spent most of his offseason hassling over a new contract.

Confidence among the players is no longer a worry for the Packers, who are beginning to expect to win. "We proved we can play with the quality teams in the league," said tight end Paul Coffman. Defensive end Casey Merrill put it more bluntly: "Next year when we're in the playoffs, we'll be beating everybody's butt. We don't need more personnel, we just need one more shot."

One more shot is exactly what Starr is getting. Dickey is the key to Starr's future and at age 34 (in October), the future isn't far away. The 13-year veteran now owns more Green Bay records than Starr but fewer championship rings. Dickey threw four touchdown passes against St. Louis in the first playoff game, and threw for 332 yards against Dallas in the second. With protection, he has shown he can do the job.

"I think he's one of the top quarterbacks in the league," said offensive coordinator Bob Schnelker. "He also got through the year without getting hurt."

If Dickey gets hurt, the backup is David Whitehurst, who has proven valuable as a reserve in other years. A former starter, Whitehurst is in his seventh season. The future of young Rich Campbell, the Packers' No. 1 draft choice in 1981, appears hazy. The Packers wanted to trade for Detroit veteran Gary Danielson in the offseason, indicating they are not pleased with the progress of Campbell. When they took him, the idea was protection. In retrospect, they might have solved their protection problems more efficiently by drafting a tackle. Keith Van Horn, Brian Holoway, and Mark May all were available.

The luxury of hindsight will work to the Packers' advantage in other areas. Schnelker, for instance, said he needed a year on the job to figure out how best to coordinate an offense that included so many weapons. "Unfortunately, you can't play three wide receivers and two tight ends," said Schnelker, who now has four wide receivers with the addition of fourth-round draft choice Mike Miller of Tennessee.

In Lofton and Jefferson, the Packers have every coach's dream tandem. But neither is as fast as last year's No. 3 receiver, Phillip Epps. The second-year man from TCU ran the second-fastest 200 meters in the world in 1981. So the Packers drafted the man who ran the fastest 200, Miller. If the field were 200 yards long, the Packers would be unstoppable. As it is, Schnelker has enough problems figuring out how to slice one football into two parts. Jefferson failed to catch a touchdown pass all last season. Even though the season was short, that statistic would appear to be an oversight by someone.

Schnelker likes to spread the ball around and he has more places to put it than into the hands of his talented wideouts. Tight end Paul Coffman made an overdue trip to the Pro Bowl last year, and he is being pushed by young Gary Lewis. "I think Paul and Gary are as good as any tight ends in the league," said Schnelker.

They are good enough to play at the same time in a one-back offense, but that only creates another problem for Schnelker. He has two backs, Eddie Lee Ivey and Gerry Ellis. Ivey would be considered remarkable if he merely limped onto the field. He has had major knee operations in 1979 and 1981. But he has responded each time with outstanding seasons. Last year, he ran for nine TDs. Only Marcus Allen ran for more. Fullback Elis hampered by injury early in the season, fell off a bit from his 1981 performance, when he was the team's leading rusher and caught 65 passes. But he had a good playoff and Schnelker likes to throw the ball to him.

Complicating an already crowded situation among the skill players is the development of second-year fullback Mike Meade of Penn State. The Packers will try to give him more playing time. In addition, they drafted two runners with interesting potential—Pitt's Bryan Thomas and Arkansas' Jessie Clark. Though Clark came two rounds after Thomas, he was ahead of him in the team's minicamp.

All the runners and receivers in the world won't save Dickey if his linemen fail. In an effort to spur improvement, the Packers switched huge guard prospect Ron Hallstrom to left tackle. At 6-6, 290, Hallstrom certainly has the size for the position. But last year's No. 1 draft choice couldn't break into the lineup at his original position of guard. So the switch to tackle, where good pass-blocking technique shows up in a hurry, could take yet another year. The Packers hope not. On the left side, the Packers hope for the return of Karl Swanke

from a knee injury and the return of Angelo Fields to a legitimate size. At 330, Fields reported to the fat farm at Duke University to learn to control his weight. He is supposed to have considerable talent underneath the girth. The Packers had to finish last season with Tim Stokes at left tackle. They would rather see Stokes backing up Greg Koch on the right side. Third-year man Tim Huffman replaces battle-scarred veteran Derrel Goforth at left guard, and Leotis Harris remains the incumbent at right guard unless No. 2 draft choice Dave Drechsler puts on enough weight to make a bid. Syd Kitson, who missed last season because of injury, also could be ready to challenge Harris. Sixth-rounder Ron Sams of Pitt is another possibility. The middle is anchored by Larry McCarren, who has a consecutive-game string of 134 and a consecutive good-game string nearly as long. He finally made it to the Pro Bowl last year.

"The biggest thing we've got to have is to improve our pass protection, which broke down from time to time last season. That's an area in which you always have to strive to improve," said Schnelker. If Hallstrom, Huffman, McCarren, Harris, and Koch become the starters, the average size would be 6-4, 271. Throw in Fields and it's bigger.

On defense, coordinator John Meyer plans continued alternating of six linemen in front of one of the best linebacking foursomes in football. Starting ends Butler and Ezra Johnson are entering their seventh seasons. Johnson led the club in sacks last year and showed considerable improvement as a 3-4 end. Nose tackle Terry Jones was consistent all year long, but he is not that far ahead of Rich Turner, who finished the Dallas playoff game in good style after Jones got hurt. Likewise, ends Casey Merrill and Byron Braggs have shown enough effort and ability to earn playing time in place of Butler and Johnson.

"Casey is the type of player who's championing at the bit to play. This is a very pivotal year for Byron Braggs," said Meyer. "As long as



Green Bay running back Gerry Ellis

PACKERS VETERAN ROSTER

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59	Anderson John	LB	6-3	221	27	6	Michigan		
73	Braggs Byron	DT	6-4	290	24	3	Alabama		
83	Brown Robert	DE	6-2	238	23	2	Valparaiso		
77	Butte Mike	DE	6-5	265	29	7	Kansas		
19	Campbell Rich	QB	6-4	224	25	3	California		
88	Casady Ron	WR	6-0	185	26	4	Utah State		
34	Clark Alan	RB	5-10	186	26	5	Arizona		
82	Coffman Paul	TE	6-3	218	27	6	Kansas St.		
52	Cumby George	LB	6-1	215	27	4	Oklahoma		
96	Daloch Ralph	DL	6-5	255	26	3	California		
12	Dinkley Lynn	QB	6-4	210	34	13	Kansas St.		
53	Douglass Mike	LB	6-0	224	28	6	San Diego St.		
31	E. Gerry	FB	6-0	216	26	4	Missouri		
85	Epps Philip	WR	5-10	165	24	2	TCU		
79	Fields Angelo	T	6-6	314	26	3	Michigan St.		
57	Goforth Derrel	G	6-3	260	28	7	Oklahoma St.		
24	Gray Johnnie	FS	5-11	185	30	8	California		
65	Hallstrom Ron	C	6-6	286	24	7	Indiana		
69	Harris Les	G	6-1	267	28	5	Arkansas		
23	Harvey Maurice	S	5-10	190	27	5	Baylor		
38	Hood Estus	DB	5-11	180	28	6	Illinois		
25	Huckley Harlan	RB	6-1	199	26	4	Michigan		
74	Huffman Tim	T	6-5	277	24	3	Notre Dame		
40	Ivory Eddie Lee	RB	6-1	210	26	4	Georgia Tech		
83	Jefferson John	WR	6-1	198	27	6	Arizona St.		
90	Johnson Ezra	DE	6-4	240	28	7	Alabama		
21	Jolly Mike	S	6-3	195	25	3	Michigan		
63	Jones Terry	DT	6-2	259	27	5	Alabama		
64	Kelton Syd	G	6-4	252	25	3	Wake Forest		
68	Koch Greg	T	6-4	265	28	6	Arkansas		
60	Lastinger Jim	LB	6-2	236	32	10	Penn State		
22	Lee Mark	DB	5-11	187	25	4	Washington		
56	Lewis Cliff	LB	6-1	226	24	3	Southern Miss		
81	Lewis Gary	TE	6-5	234	25	3	Texas A. M.		
80	Lofton James	WR	6-3	87	27	6	Stanford		
54	McCarron Larry	C	6-3	248	32	11	Illinois		
29	McLoy Mike	DB	5-11	183	30	8	Colorado		
78	Merr Casey	DE	6-4	255	26	5	Cal Davis		
62	Merr Mark	LB	6-3	234	28	5	Minnesota		
37	Murphy Mike	FS	6-2	199	25	3	West.berry		
51	Prather Guy	LB	6-2	230	25	3	Clemson		
35	Rodgers Del	RB	5-11	197	23	2	Utah		
58	Rubens Larry	C	6-1	253	24	4	Montana St.		
55	Scott Randy	LB	6-1	220	24	3	Alabama		
16	Stachowicz Ray	P	5-11	185	24	3	Michigan St.		
10	Stenesrud Jan	K	6-2	190	40	17	Montana St.		
76	Stokes Tim	T	6-6	252	33	10	Oregon		
67	Swanne Kar	DL	6-6	251	26	4	Boston College		
87	Thompson John	TE	6-3	228	26	4	Ill. St.		
75	Turner Richard	DT	6-2	262	24	3	Oklahoma		
30	Whitake B	DB	6-0	182	24	3	Missou		
17	Whitely David	LB	6-2	204	28	7	F. Ryan		
50	Wingo Rich	LB	6-1	230	27	4	Alabama		

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1	Lewis Tim	DB	6-0	192	2	Pittsburgh
2	Dreesler Dave	OG	6-3	250	22	North Carolina
4	Miller Mike	WR	5-11	82	23	Tennessee
5	Thomas Bryan	LB	5-10	196	22	Pittsburgh
6	Sarris Ron	OG	6-4	265	22	Pittsburgh
7	Clark Jesse	RB	6-0	226	23	Arkansas
8	Brinson Carlton	DB	6-0	180	22	Arkansas St.
9	Ham Robin	C	6-2	252	23	W. Texas St.
10	Williams Byron	WR	6-1	180	22	Texas A. M.
10	Thomas Jimmy	P	6-3	190	22	Indiana
11	Schrier Bucky	P	6-0	203	22	Kansas
12	Harvey John	DT	6-2	236	22	Southern Cal

there is no dropoff in production, we will continue to alternate lines. That's up to the players to decide."

This is what Meyer has to say about the strength of his defense. "I think we've got a very schematical complementary group of linebackers." They're pretty good too. Strong side man John Anderson was the unit's most valuable player last year, succeeding weak side star Mike Douglass, who won the award two years in a row. Right inside linebacker George Cumby emerged as the team's leading tackler, and the other inside spot was won by Randy Scott, who came on strong after Rich Wingo was hurt. Scott moves better than his former Alabama teammate Wingo, who's far from a disappointment himself. None of the Packers backers has great size, but as a group they took large in the team's expectations. Guy Prather, Cliff Lewis and Jim Laslavc also provide depth.

Improved play up front might result in more interceptions in back. In the meantime, the Packers will try to improve the back. No. 1 draft choice Tim Lewis penciled in at right corner back for veteran Mike McCoy, but Meyer's careful not to anoint him an immediate starter. "That's up to him. He's got the ability to play, but I'm not going to give the guy a job. How would that look?" said Meyer.

If nothing else, Lewis is expected to see action as the nickel back, where Estus Hood also operates. The left corner Mark Lee is solid in the middle. The Packers would like to see more interceptions from strong safety Johnnie Gray and free safety Maurice Harvey. Mark Murphy and Mike Jolly could push for more playing time, and two rookies will try to stick, including Indiana basketball player Jim Thomas.

Jan Stenerud, who will turn 40 in November, can still kick from 40. Punter Ray Stachowicz is not expected to last so long if he doesn't improve. The Packers spent their eleventh draft choice on punter Bucky Schrier of Kansas. Lewis can help return kickoffs, an area that could stand improvement. It was handled by reserve running back Del Rodgers last year. Another reserve Harlan Huckelby also has returned kicks. Epps and Gray handled the punts. Speedster Miller has had no experience in returning kicks.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Since the Super Bowl this year is in Tampa Stadium, the Buccaneers are making it clear they wouldn't mind the extra home game. After making the playoffs in three of the last four years, the Bucs figure they are ready to move on to the next level of development.

"We want to try to reward our fans who have been so good to us over the years. If we qualify for the Super Bowl, more of them will have a chance to see it played in our stadium," said coach John McKay.

The Bucs have decided they can have Super Bowl dreams even though their playing style often gives McKay nightmares. All five of their wins last year, plus their last two in 1981 were in question until the final minute.

"Everyone loves a team like that except the coach. I don't like them a bit," McKay said. "It's a sign of maturity for a team to win the close games. Our team is maturing in that re-

gard, but I wish they'd mature in other ways so I wouldn't have to worry."

Close games are often the rule in the NFC Central, which McKay knows will again be tough to win. "Tougher than ever," he said. "Four of the five teams qualified for the playoffs, and the Bears just missed. And I see no reason why each of the other teams won't be improved, so we had better be also."

Continued improvement is mandatory starting at quarterback, where Doug Williams has developed into one of the most feared performers in the game. For the fifth consecutive season Williams improved his completion percentage. Combined with his long-range arm and his ability to avoid sacks, more completions means more trouble for opponents. Yet Williams will be coming off a disturbing off-season. His wife, Janice, died in April. He was involved in a prolonged contract negotiation and was rehabilitating his knee from surgery.

The Bucs were so concerned about Williams that they traded their 1984 No. 1 draft choice to Cincinnati for quarterback Jack Thompson. They also were ready to take Cal Davis' Ken O'Brien with their second-round draft pick had O'Brien not been chosen by the Jets in the first round. Instead, the Bucs selected center Randy Grimes of Baylor with the pick, which was their first in the draft. They hope he can help the quarterback situation by providing more protection for Williams.

One of Williams' outstanding performances last year was a 25 of 49 day for 367 yards as the Buccaneers overcame a 17 point deficit to beat the Bears in the season finale. What made the effort more special was Williams' insistence on returning to the game after limping off several times in the second half. Williams is crucial to the Bucs' chances because backup Jerry Golsteyn threw on only one pass in the regular season last year. His first regular-season action since 1979, when he threw only nine passes. Golsteyn made the club after competing 65 percent of his passes for five touchdowns and no interceptions during the 1982 preseason.

The Bucs' leading receiver in yardage is one of the most extraordinary athletes in football, tight end Jimmie Giles. No other tight end, including Ken Winslow, gets deep with the consistency and frequency of Giles, who led the league's tight ends, with an average of 17.8 yards for the second time in three years. The 6-3, 245-pounder gives the Bucs a dimension in their passing attack that other coaches only wish they had. Giles' average per catch last year was the third-best in the NFC among all receivers. Few linebackers have the speed and few safeties have the bulk to cover him. Backup tight end Jim Obradovich and impressive second-year man Jerry Bell give the Bucs plenty of strength at a vital position and plenty of incentive to use the two tight-end attack whenever beneficial.

The situation at wide receiver is not quite so rosy. Deep threat Kevin House did not repeat his outstanding 1981 season, so the Bucs are looking for the fourth-year pro to rebound. He dropped from third in the NFC to sixteenth in yards gained but still represents one of the more dangerous deep threats in the league. The Bucs drafted two wide receivers in later rounds—Rheugene Branton and Danus Durham—in an effort to establish more help for House and Giles. Gordon Jones and Theo Bell alternated as play messengers opposite



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RUSHING—Wilder, 83 carries for 324 yards, 3.9 avg., 3 TDs 14th
PASSING—Williams, 184 of 307 attempts for 2,071 yards and 9 TDs 13th
RECEIVING—Wilder, 53 receptions for 466 yards, 8.8 avg., 1 TD 2nd
INTERCEPTIONS—Coile, 3 for 64 yards, 21.3 avg. 9th
PUNTING—Swider, 39 punts, 41.5 avg., longest 59 yards 6th
PUNT RETURNS—Beil, 9 for 62 yards, 6.9 avg., 1 TD 10th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Morton, 21 for 361 yards, 17.2 avg. 17th

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 13 At Houston (N)
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 October 2 At Green Bay
 9 At Dallas
 16 ST. LOUIS
 23 NEW ORLEANS
 30 At Pittsburgh
 November 6 At Minnesota
 13 At Cleveland
 20 CHICAGO
 27 HOLSTON
 December 4 At San Francisco
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 18 At Detroit

1992 SCORES

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Tampa Bay QB Doug Williams, TE Jimmie Giles (left), and LBs Scot Brantley (#52) and Hugh Green

House Gerald Carter, a fourth-year man with potential, also saw action in three-receiver sets. Second-year man Andre Tyler will try to make a move for more playing time.

When Williams first arrived on the pro scene there was fear he either wouldn't or couldn't drop off passes to his backs. Fullback James Wilder proved that wrong by catching 53 balls last year to finish second only to San Francisco's Dwight Clark in NFC receiving. In only his second season, the 6-3, 225-pound Wilder proved to be a complete fullback. He rushed for 324 though yards. His total of 790 combined yards put him ahead of such better-known backs as Earl Campbell, John Riggins, and George Rogers. Wilder averaged 5.8 yards every time he rushed or caught the ball, second only to Atlanta's William Andrews (5.9) among NFC backs. "It isn't until you look at the films that you really appreciate all he does," said McKay.

Wilder's presence took the pressure off the Tampa Bay tailbacks, who had to alternate because of injury. Melvin Carver had to replace Jerry Eckwood after Eckwood required back surgery. Jerry has since retired. The rookie Carver teamed with James Owens, who sprained an ankle late in the season. Carver and Owens nevertheless combined for 467 yards rushing. Rick Moser, Terrell Middleton, Michael Morton, and rookie Weldon Ledbetter will vie for backup spots. Carver is more the fullback type and can back up Wilder.

McKay wants improved play from his offensive line, even if he has to play centers and guards at tackle. "We are not completely satisfied with the performance of our offensive line last year. It was not the best line in the NFL by some distance, nor was it the worst by some distance," said McKay. It might have been the most versatile. In ten games including the playoff loss to Dallas, the Bucs started nine different line combinations. While that provided multiple experience for the troops, McKay would prefer improved performance. Injuries over the last two years have retarded development of a cohesive unit.

For this year, the one certainty is that second-year player Sean Farrell will be in the lineup. As a rookie he had the unenviable assignment of starting at left tackle as well as playing a few other times at his natural position of guard. Even though he never had played tackle before, he responded like the future all-pro he is. He held the Jets' Mark Gastineau without a sack. McKay would like to leave Farrell at left guard for the next ten years. But if left tackle Charley Hannah can't recover from injury or settle a contract, and if right tackle Dave Reavis starts feeling ill effects from his age, 33, Farrell may have to play tackle. The Bucs have more depth at guard, where 1980 No. 1 choice Ray Snell is the incumbent on the right side and 1979 No. 2 choice Greg Roberts and unsung performer George Yarno back up. Snell could play tackle but prefers guard. The Bucs also are hoping for tackle Gene Sanders to blossom. At center, Steve Wilson has started since 1977 and is being pushed by Jim Leonard, who can also play guard or tackle. Enter Grimes, generally ranked closely behind Nebraska's Dave Rimington.

"There is no law in the NFL which says a fellow drafted as a center must play center," explained McKay. "Grimes is bigger than Charley Hannah, so there is no reason why he can't play tackle." If he can't, maybe fourth-round choice Kelly Thomas of USC or sixth-round choice Ken Kaplan of New Hampshire can. Grimes is 6-4, 283, and probably as confused as the next Buccaneer fan.

On defense, the Bucs are more settled, as reflected by their ranking in the NFC as No. 1 overall and No. 1 in stopping the pass. Under the direction of new coordinator Wayne Fontes, the Bucs maintained their status as one of the league's most effective defenses.

Right end Lee Roy Selmon enters his eighth season as the anchor of the unit. He made his fourth Pro Bowl trip without having to lead the club in tackles or sacks. Nose tackle David Logan was again outstanding and left end Dave Stalls had his best pro season. The Bucs hope to be stronger this year if second-year player Booker Reese can move into Stalls' place and justify the No. 1 draft choice the Bucs traded to Chicago in order to land him. His development may have to be speeded up if Stalls

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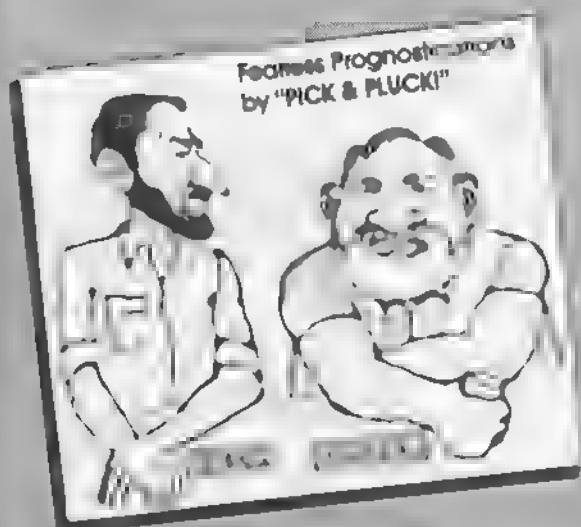
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follows through with demands to be traded to Denver, where he can pursue a career as a veterinarian while pursuing quarterbacks.

Weakside linebacker Hugh Green joined Selmon on the all-pro team after becoming the first outside backer to lead the club in tackles. Green can cover tight ends as well as tackle. To Tampa Bay he is every bit the player Lawrence Taylor is for the Giants. On the left side, Andy Hawkins has continued to perform in ways that make the Buccaneers forget about former all-pro David Lewis. The Bucs are frightfully thin outside, however, with inside starter Cecil Johnson listed as the No. 1 replacement on both sides. The problem was increased by the forced retirement of Dana Nafziger. Second-year man Lemont Jeffers, a

late signee last year, will try to help. Johnson used to play outside and could conceivably move out there again if second-year inside man Jeff Davis continues to improve on his rookie season. Scot Brantley beat out former mainstay Richard Wood at the other inside spot, so the Bucs have considerably more depth inside than out.

Under Fontes, the Bucs' defensive secondaries have quietly established themselves among the league's most effective units. Unfortunately for the Bucs, this group is beginning to age together, so some changes are imminent. Over the last six years, the defensive backs have allowed only 74 touchdown passes, lowest in the league. None of those scoring passes has covered over 27 yards.

Right cornerback Mike Washington has been beaten for only one touchdown in three seasons. Free safety Cedric Brown, starting his seventh season, led the secondary in tackles. Joining them the last two seasons were former Miami performers Norris Thomas and Neal Colzie. At strong safety Colzie earned most valuable player accolades last year. Thomas was the left cornerback. Colzie and Washington are 30 this year, Brown and Thomas are 29.

To protect themselves, the Bucs drafted Alabama cornerback Jeremiah Castille in the third round. "He excites me, he's a hitter," said Fontes. Also ready to move in at the corner is third-year man John Holt. Veterans Mark Colney and Dwayne O'Steen and young Johnny Ray Smith, Thomas Morris, and Sandy LaBeaux will compete for reserve spots.

In special teams the Buccaneers finished far below average in both kickoff and punt returns and coverage. But their kickers had decent years. Second-year man Bill Capece had the second-best stats of any NFC place-kicker, behind Washington's Mark Moseley. Capece connected on 18 of 23 field goals, including two from at least 50 yards. "I really hope he doesn't have as many opportunities this year," said McKay. "We moved the ball down the field as well as any team we've had, but we've got to come away with a touchdown more often this season." Punter Larry Swider was sixth in the NFC, with a 41.5-yard average. Holt handled punt returns and Morton led the kickoff returners.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Indoors, outdoors, all around the Twin Cities, the Vikings still play good football in Minnesota. The new roof of the Metrodome posed no problem for wary players, coaches, and fans. The Vikes blew it off during rousing victories over Dallas in the season finale and Atlanta in the first playoff game. The roof had some problems staying zipped up anyway, but the Vikings made a point. They don't need fresh air, ice, or snow to win. There was more to the home-field advantage than the home field.

This successful transition from hallowed Met Stadium meant more to the Viking faithful than a casual observer might imagine. "Counting the preseason and postseason, we were 7-1 in the Metrodome, which means we picked up right where we left off at the Met Stadium. A lot of players didn't like to come to Met Stadium," said coach Bud Grant. Now, opposing players will realize they just don't like to play the Vikings period, because they lose no matter where they play them.

That the Vikings win is no surprise. They no

longer dominate the NFC Central, but nobody seems to dominate anything anymore. Mere winning must suffice. The Vikings won three of their last four regular-season games and posted their first playoff victory since 1977. It was their twelfth playoff appearance in Grant's 16-year tenure. There is no reason for the trend not to continue. Now that they have discovered the joy of indoor football, they may thrive in 1983. In November and December they have only one outdoor game—at Pittsburgh November 20.

How the Vikings manage to win consistently is a curious story. Statistically the only thing they do really well is pass, which in these times is often plenty. Yet even in this category they ranked 27th in the league in third-down conversions, hardly an impressive figure for a passing team. On defense they ranked nineteenth in yards, twentieth in points. And even though they rushed the passer well, they ranked nineteenth in pass defense, seventeenth in interceptions. How do they do it?

For one thing, when quarterback Tommy Kramer gets hot, statistics don't matter. The score doesn't matter. He is a master at overcoming obstacles. One of the biggest hurdles he faced last year was coming back from treatment for alcohol abuse. Another was coming back from a sore knee that kept him out of the final two games of 1981. Kramer has had more spectacular years than his 1982 performance, but his passer rating of 77.3 was his highest in four seasons as the starter. It gets higher every year. His ratio of touchdown passes (15) to interceptions (12) was his best ever. Still a streak passer, he had interceptions that were run back for touchdowns in three successive games. But if Kramer ever gets a hot streak going for a whole season, the Vikings will win the Super Bowl! Grant gives his word.

"Tommy Kramer is like Joe The Smann and Joe Montana in that one of these years he's going to be the best quarterback in the league."



BUCCANEERS VETERAN ROSTER

NFC										
no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college			
30	Barrett, Dave	RB	6-0	230	24	2	Houston			
62	Bell, Jerry	TE	6-5	230	24	2	Arizona St.			
63	Bell, Theo	WR	6-0	180	30	7	Arizona			
52	Brantley, Scot	LB	6-1	230	25	4	Florida			
34	Brown, Cedric	S	6-2	200	29	7	Kent St.			
78	Cammon, John	DE	6-5	250	23	2	William & Mary			
3	Capece, Bill	K	5-7	170	24	3	Florida St.			
67	Carter, Gerald	WR	6-1	190	26	4	Texas A&M			
28	Carver, Melvin	LB	5-11	215	24	2	New Las Vegas			
20	Colzie, Neal	S	6-2	200	30	9	Ohio State			
33	Colney, Mark	S	6-0	200	31	8	Cameron St.			
71	Crowder, Randy	DT	6-3	255	31	6	Penn St.			
50	Davis, Jeff	LB	6-0	225	23	2	Clemson			
27	Dykes, Donald	CB	5-11	185	28	4	SE Louisiana			
62	Farrill, Sean	G	6-9	260	23	2	Penn St.			
86	Giles, Jimmie	TE	6-3	245	29	7	Alcorn St.			
11	Ginsley, Jerry	DE	6-4	200	29	5	N. Illinois			
53	Green, Hugh	LB	6-2	225	24	3	Pittsburgh			
73	Hannah, Charley	T	6-6	265	28	7	Alabama			
59	Hawkins, Andy	LB	6-2	230	25	4	Texas A&M			
21	Holt, John	CB	5-11	180	24	3	West Texas State			
69	House, Kevin	WR	6-1	180	28	4	S. Illinois			
56	Johnson, Cecil	LB	6-2	235	28	7	Pittsburgh			
64	Jones, Gordon	WR	6-0	190	26	5	Pittsburgh			
57	Leonard, Jim	OL	6-3	260	28	4	Santa Clara			
76	Logan, David	DT	6-2	255	27	6	Pittsburgh			
45	Middleton, Terrell	RB	6-0	205	28	7	Memphis St.			
24	Morris, Thomas	DB	5-11	175	23	2	Michigan St.			
1	Morton, Michael	RB	5-9	180	23	2	New Las Vegas			
36	Moser, Rick	RB	6-0	210	27	6	Rhode Island			
86	Obradovich, Jim	TE	6-2	225	30	9	Southern Cal			
44	O'Steen, Dwayne	CB	6-1	195	29	6	San Jose St.			
26	Owens, James	RB	5-11	195	28	5	UCLA			
15	Quinn, Jeff	DB	6-3	205	25	2	Nebraska			
75	Reavis, Dave	T	6-5	285	33	9	Arkansas			
66	Reese, Booker	DE	6-6	260	24	2	Beth-Cookman			
61	Roberts, Greg	G	6-3	265	27	5	Oklahoma			
74	Sanders, Gene	T	6-3	270	27	5	Texas A&M			
63	Selmon, Lee Roy	DE	6-3	250	29	8	Oklahoma			
22	Smith, Johnny Ray	CB	5-8	180	26	2	Lamar			
72	Snell, Ray	OL	6-4	265	25	4	Wisconsin			
65	Stalls, Dave	DE	6-5	250	28	7	N. Colorado			
9	Swider, Larry	P	6-2	195	28	5	Pittsburgh			
41	Thomas, Norris	CB	6-0	195	29	7	Southern Miss			
	Thompson, Jack	DB	6-3	217	27	5	Wash. St.			
81	Tyler, Andre	WR	6-0	180	24	2	Stanford			
40	Washington, Mike	CB	6-2	200	30	8	Alabama			
90	White, Brad	DT	6-2	260	25	3	Tennessee			
32	Wilder, James	RB	6-3	225	25	3	Missouri			
12	Williams, Doug	QB	6-4	220	28	6	Grambling			
50	Wilson, Steve	C	6-4	265	29	8	Georgia			
54	Wood, Richard	LB	6-2	230	30	9	Southern Cal			
68	Yarno, George	G	6-2	260	26	5	Wash. St.			

OUTSIDERS

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
2	Grimes, Randy	C	6-4	280	23	Baylor
3	Castille, Jeremiah	DB	5-10	180	22	Alabama
4	Thomas, Kelly	DT	6-6	270	23	Southern Cal
5	Chickillo, Tony	DT	6-3	260	23	Miami
6	Branton, Rheagene	WR	6-4	210	22	Texas So.
6	Kaplan, Ken	DT	6-5	270	23	New Hampshire
7	Leibetter, Weidon	RB	6-0	215	23	Oklahoma
8	Samuelson, John	LB	6-2	220	23	Azusa Pacific
9	Arbutnot, Hesson	DT	6-4	250	23	Texas Tech
10	Durheim, Darius	WR	6-2	195	23	San Diego St.
11	Witte, Mark	TE	6-3	230	23	N. Texas St.
12	Higginbotham, John	DT	6-2	265	22	NE Oklahoma

VIKINGS VETERAN ROSTER

		NFL				
no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
21	Bess, Rufus	CB	5-9	185	27	5 S.C. St.
59	Blair, Matt	LB	6-5	234	33	10 Iowa St.
62	Boyd, Brent	G	6-3	260	26	4 UCLA
23	Brown, Ted	RB	5-10	210	26	5 N.C. St.
82	Bruer, Bob	TE	6-5	235	29	5 Mankato St.
8	Coleman, Greg	P	6-0	185	29	7 Florida A&M
7	Danmeier, Rick	K	6-0	200	31	6 Sioux Falls
12	Dils, Steve	QB	6-1	190	28	5 Stanford
73	Elshe, Neil	DE	6-6	260	25	3 Oregon
32	Galbreath, Tony	RB	6-0	228	29	8 Missouri
61	Hamilton, Vles	G	6-3	268	30	8 Tulsa
45	Hannon, Tom	S	5-11	190	28	7 Michigan St.
36	Harrel, Sam	RB	6-2	225	26	3 East Carolina
75	Holteyway, Randy	DE	6-5	250	28	6 Pittsburgh
51	Hough, Jim	G	6-2	267	27	6 Utah St.
24	Howard, Bryan	S	6-0	200	24	2 Tenn. St.
56	Huffman, David	OL	6-6	255	26	5 Notre Dame
76	Hwin, Tim	T	6-6	275	25	3 Tennessee
89	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	37	16 Jackson St.
65	Johnson, Charlie	DT	6-3	265	31	7 Colorado
52	Johnson, Dennis	LB	6-3	230	25	4 Southern Cal.
53	Johnson, Henry	LB	6-2	235	25	4 Georgia Tech
83	Jordan, Steve	TE	6-4	230	22	2 Brown
25	Knoll, Kurt	S	6-2	190	28	8 Kansas
9	Kramer, Tommy	QB	6-2	200	28	7 Rice
80	LeCount, Terry	WR	5-10	180	27	6 Florida
87	Lewis, Leo	WR	5-8	170	27	3 Missouri
79	Martin, Doug	DE	6-3	255	26	4 Washington
84	McCullum, Sam	WR	6-2	190	31	10 Montana St.
88	McDole, Mardye	WR	5-11	185	24	2 Miss. St.
54	McNeill, Fred	LB	6-2	230	31	10 UCLA
77	Mullaney, Mark	DE	6-6	245	30	9 Colorado St.
20	Nelson, Darrin	RB	5-9	180	24	2 Stanford
49	Nord, Keith	S	6-0	195	26	5 St. Cloud St.
22	Redwine, Jarvis	RB	5-10	195	26	3 Nebraska
78	Riley, Steve	T	6-6	265	31	10 Southern Cal.
68	Rouse, Curtis	G	6-3	290	23	2 Chattanooga
57	Sandelin, Robin	LB	6-3	225	25	3 Texas
81	Sensor, Joe	TE	6-4	235	27	4 Wes. Chester St.
55	Studwell, Scott	LB	6-2	225	29	7 Illinois
29	Swann, John	CB	6-1	196	24	3 Miami
67	Swilley, Dennis	C	6-3	241	28	7 Texas A&M
66	Tausch, Terry	T	6-5	275	24	2 Texas
7	Tea, Wene	CB	5-10	195	26	4 LSU
27	Turner, John	CB	6-0	199	27	6 Miami
72	White, James	DT	6-3	270	30	8 Oklahoma St.
85	White, Sammy	WR	5-11	190	29	8 Granddine
11	Wilson, Wade	QB	6-3	200	24	3 E. Texas St.
91	Yakovlevs, Ray	DT	6-4	250	26	3 E. Swoudsburg
34	Young, Ricky	RB	6-2	200	29	9 Jackson St.

DRAFTED

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Browner, Joey	DB	6-2	202	23	Southern Cal.
3	Ashley, Walker, Lee	LB	6-0	234	23	Penn. St.
4	Rush, Mark	RB	6-1	215	24	Miami
5	Stewart, Mark	LB	6-2	230	24	Washington
6	Jones, Mike	WR	5-11	176	23	Tenn. St.
7	Lee, Carl	DB	5-11	176	22	Marshall
8	Brown, Norm	TE	6-3	220	22	Georgia
9	Achler, Rod	WR	6-1	197	22	Toledo
10	Brown, Melvin	DB	5-11	187	25	Mississippi
10	Tate, Walter	C	6-3	244	23	Tenn. St.
11	Butcher, Brian	OG	6-4	246	23	Clemson

and we're going to win big," said Grant. "Tommy had a good year last year, and he has the capacity to be the main man in the league."

The presence of Steve Dils behind Kramer gives Grant a sense of unusual security. "Overall, it's a position where we don't have any problems," said the coach. Young Wade Wilson is the third quarterback.

A position where there might be problems is wide receiver, where future Hall of Famer Ahmad Rashad retired after catching more passes than any other player in the league from 1976-81. Injured last season, Rashad quit to grab a microphone at age 32 and now will try to describe the kinds of things he did that often defied description. He had a gift that

Viking quarterback Tommy Kramer, running backs Ted Brown (left) and Darrin Nelson (#20), and top draft choice Joey Browner (right)

STREET AND SMITH'S PRO FOOTBALL



1982 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Danmeier 47 points on 8 field goals and 23 PATS 15th
 RUSHING—Brown 120 carries for 515 yards, 4.3 avg., 1 TD 19th
 PASSING—Kramer 176 of 308 attempts for 2,037 yards and 15 TDs 8th
 RECEIVING—Brown, 31 receptions for 207 yards, 6.7 avg 2 TDs 18th
 INTERCEPTIONS—Teal 4 for 15 yards, 3.8 avg 6th
 PUNTING—Coleman 58 punts 41.1 avg., longest 67 yards 8th
 PLNT RETURNS—Payton 22 for 179 yards 8.1 avg 6th
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Redwine, 12 for 286 yards, 23.8 avg 3rd

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6 St. Louis (at London, England)
 13 BALTIMORE (N)
 19 At Seattle (N)
 26 DENVER (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

September 4 At Cleveland
 8 SAN FRANCISCO (N)
 18 At Tampa Bay
 25 DETROIT
 October 2 DALLAS
 9 At Chicago
 16 HOUSTON
 23 At Green Bay
 30 At St. Louis
 November 6 TAMPA BAY
 13 GREEN BAY
 20 At Pittsburgh
 27 At New Orleans
 December 5 At Detroit
 11 CHICAGO
 17 CINCINNATI

1982 SCORES

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few receivers could match for getting open and coming up with balls. The Vikings drafted no one in the high rounds to replace him, probably figuring it would be a futile gesture.

"Losing Ahmad Rashad is going to be hard to compensate for, because he's made as many big plays for us as anybody we've ever had," said Grant.

The job apparently will go to Sam McCullum, because only a wily veteran can best understand what needs to be done. McCullum, repossessed from Seattle's discard pile, made big plays last year after Rashad went down. Against Detroit in a key victory McCullum caught seven passes for 79 yards. Against Atlanta in the playoffs he caught a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter that put the Vikings into the lead. McCullum, who will turn 31 during the season, started his career in Minnesota and probably will end it there.

"Getting Sam was the best thing we could have done," said Grant. "In today's game, there's a lot the receiver has to know, and Sam brings to us the kind of intelligence and experience that you must have to play the position. He also is a good athlete, and I don't see any diminishing of his skills in the immediate future."

Rashad's exit probably will make Sammy White the No. 1 target. That's what he has been the last two years, even though Rashad caught more touchdown passes in 1981.

"What more can you say about Sammy White? He's smart, he's coachable, he has fine athletic skills, and he had a great year last season," said Grant. "He will have another one next year and the year after that and the year after that."

Terry LeCount and Leo Lewis both proved to be valuable third and fourth receivers who get considerable action in Minnesota's offense. Lewis caught only eight passes last year, but three went for touchdowns. Mardye McDole, the Vikings' first draft choice in 1981 (in round two), has yet to make an impact. But a leg injury in 1981 and a broken arm in 1982 have limited his progress. Like many a young Viking before him, he might blossom in his third season. Since many an old Viking has managed to stay in flower in the past, Grant picked up 37-year-old Harold Jackson for receiver protection.

Tight end Joe Senser is expected to regain the form that made him a Pro Bowl selection in 1981. A knee injury was not given proper rest, because Senser found it too difficult to abandon his college sport, basketball. He did not play basketball last offseason and therefore is expected to be a better football player. Bob Bruer, the second tight end, caught two touchdown passes last year, one more than Senser. Second-year prospect Steve Jordan can be an "excellent addition" in the words of Grant. "He has shown he can play on special teams, he can catch the ball, and if he gets bigger and strong—up to 235 from 225—his blocking will improve."

For a team stereotyped as all-pass, no-run, Ted Brown compiles some awfully impressive running statistics. During the regular season, for instance, he gained only 38 fewer yards than John Riggins. Brown's average per carry of 4.3 yards put him behind only Wilbert Montgomery and George Rogers among the top ten NFC runners. Brown does these things even though Minnesota presumably cares little about the run. (They improved from last to

22nd in the league last year.) The Vikings even employ more than one good running back. Tony Galbreath and Rickey Young usually share the other spot, and neither can be ignored by defenses, especially in passing situations. Few backs operate more efficiently in a run-and-gun attack.

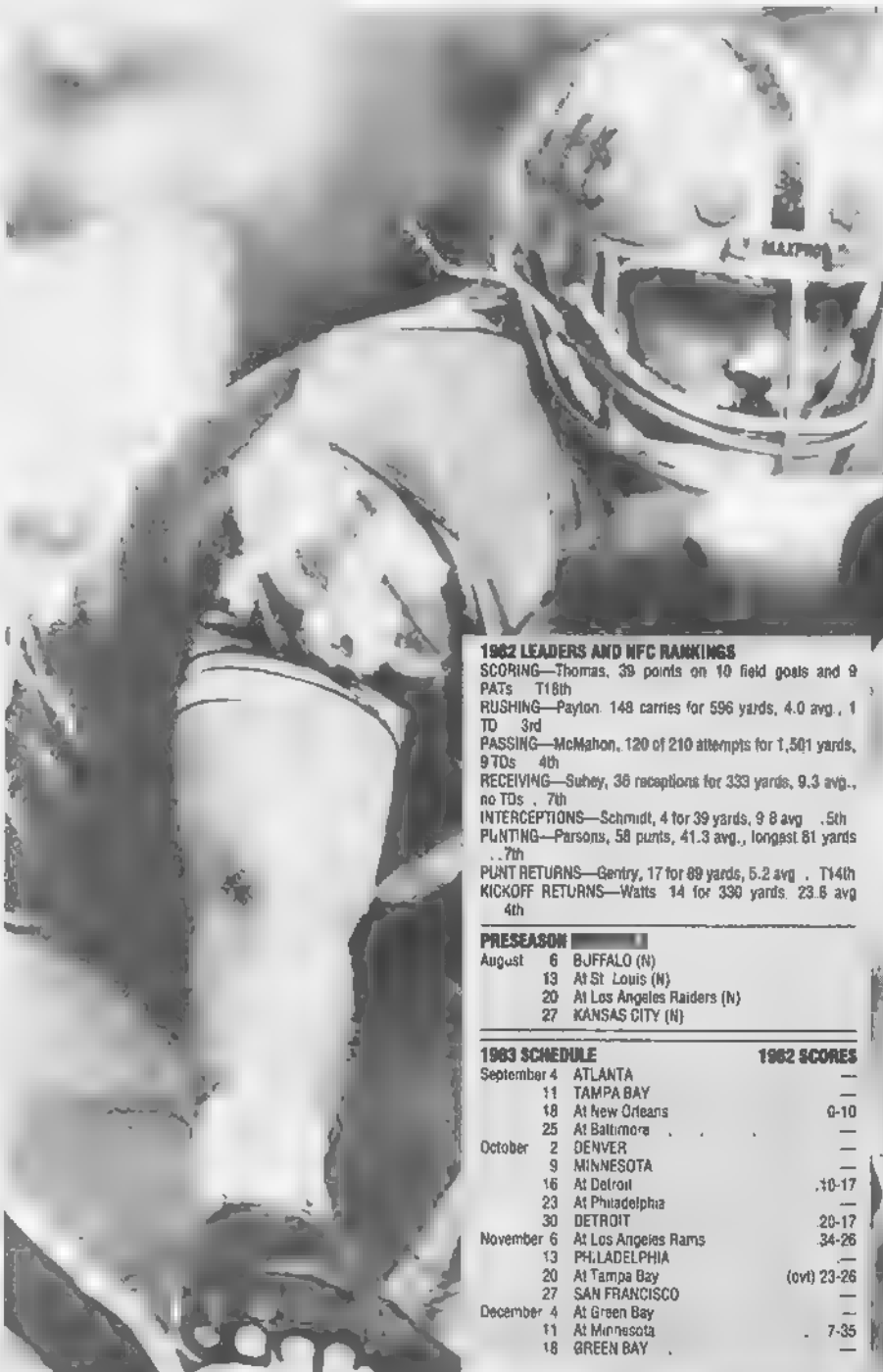
Last year's No. 1 draft choice, Darrin Nelson, also should be ready to make a move in his second season. In Grant's system, rookies are often ignored. Nelson was the team's second-leading rusher, with only 44 carries, and he caught just nine passes. Minnesota fans haven't forgotten that he was drafted ahead of Marcus Allen.

"A lot of people have expressed disappointment in what Darrin Nelson did last year, but we didn't feel that way," said Grant. "We

think he does some things exceptionally well. His attitude is excellent, and he will only get better. He was nicked a couple of times and he just kept aggravating the ankle. So we just kept him out, partly because the others were doing such a good job."

Grant also has plans for third-year running backs Jarvis Redwine and Sam Harrell. "You may find people are going to be surprised at how well they perform and ask how come we haven't been using them more. Well, sometimes it takes time. It's better to take the time and give people an opportunity to look good rather than have them look bad early and suffer from the bad experience," said Grant.

The offensive line is quite effective considering all the passing. The Vikings were eighth in protecting the quarterback. Tim Irwin



1982 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Thomas, 39 points on 10 field goals and 9 PATS. T18th
RUSHING—Payton, 148 carries for 596 yards, 4.0 avg., 1 TD. 3rd
PASSING—McMahon, 120 of 210 attempts for 1,501 yards, 9 TDs. 4th
RECEIVING—Suhey, 36 receptions for 333 yards, 9.3 avg., no TDs. 7th
INTERCEPTIONS—Schmidt, 4 for 39 yards, 9.8 avg. 5th
PUNTING—Parsons, 58 punts, 41.3 avg., longest 81 yards. 7th
PUNT RETURNS—Gentry, 17 for 89 yards, 5.2 avg. T14th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Watts, 14 for 330 yards, 23.6 avg. 4th

PRESEASON

August 6 BUFFALO (N)
13 At St. Louis (N)
20 At Los Angeles Raiders (N)
27 KANSAS CITY (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

	1982 SCORES
September 4 ATLANTA	—
11 TAMPA BAY	—
18 At New Orleans	0-10
25 At Baltimore	—
October 2 DENVER	—
9 MINNESOTA	—
16 At Detroit	10-17
23 At Philadelphia	—
30 DETROIT	20-17
November 6 At Los Angeles Rams	34-26
13 PHILADELPHIA	—
20 At Tampa Bay	(ovt) 23-26
27 SAN FRANCISCO	—
December 4 At Green Bay	—
11 At Minnesota	7-35
18 GREEN BAY	—

earned most-improved accolades after replacing Ron Yary at right tackle. Left tackle Steve Riley continues to defy medical experts by ignoring ankle and shoulder problems and never missing a game. He was turned down by the New Orleans Saints for failing a physical after a 1980 trade. He returned to Minnesota and has played every game. Depth at tackle is promising but not proven. Terry Tausch, drafted second behind Nelson, hurt his knee on the first day of his first training camp, so he will start over this time. Another second-year man, 300-pound Curtis Rouse is making a switch to tackle from guard. The guard spots are deeper. Jim Hough replaced injured Brent Boyd on the left side and became "our best offensive lineman all year," said Grant. Boyd came back and played well

but will have a difficult time beating out Hough. Wes Hamilton has been the regular at right guard since 1977. Dennis Swiley has been solid at center for four years and could also play his former position of guard if needed. Fifth-year reserve Dave Huffman can play all five positions in the line.

The defensive line was rejuvenated last year, not only by the addition of former All-Pro nose tackle Charlie Johnson from Philadelphia. Johnson allowed Duck White to get some rest in the middle, and the twosome might be unmatched in the league. But the emergence of Doug Martin as a force at left end allowed Mark Mullaney to blossom at a new position of right end and the two were equally important in the Vikings' effectiveness. Martin led the league with 11½ sacks and

Mullaney had his finest year. Pass rushing specialist Randy Holloway also overcame a drug problem and improved.

By drafting linebackers Walker Lee Ashley and Mark Stewart in the first five rounds, the Vikings made it apparent they are anticipating change. As usual, it won't be for a while, because Matt Blair, Scott Studwell, Dennis Johnson, and Fred McNeill still form a strong linebacking foursome. Johnson developed nicely to complement Studwell in the middle, where Ashley will need to provide depth following the departure of Jeff Siemon. "Matt Blair didn't make as many big plays as in other years, but he still was an intimidating player, and the offenses had a tendency to stay away from him," said Grant. Third-year man Robin Sendren might get extended duty backing up McNeill at the right outside spot.

The best place for a new face to start right away is in the defensive backfield, where No. 1 draftee Joey Browner displayed his enthusiasm by becoming the No. 1 signer in the class of 1983. The Vikings currently line up with corners Willie Teal and John Swain and safeties Tommy Hannon and John Turner. They don't like to distinguish between strong and weak safeties.

"Browner comes in at a position where he can play right away," said Grant. "We'll wait to see where he fits in better (cornerback or safety), but one of the things we're looking for is more interceptions down the middle. And Browner has more speed than anyone we have back there and he has good hands."

Rufus Bess, Keith Nord, and Kurt Knoff provide the depth.

Place-kicker Rick Danmeier, punter Greg Coleman, and return man Eddie Payton have been fixtures for some time. Danmeier needs to have a better year than he had last time. Redwine could emerge as the No. 1 kickoff-return man.

CHICAGO BEARS

In Mike Ditka's first season as head coach of the Bears, he resolved two problems that had plagued the team from the time he left them as a player in 1966—tight end and quarterback. Without suiting up himself, Ditka found a tight end in Emery Moorehead, who ended up leading the club in receiving yardage and touchdowns. In Jim McMahon, the Bears found a quarterback who compiled the most impressive rookie statistics since Fran Tarkenton of the 1961 Vikings. Even Tarkenton didn't finish with as high a passer rating.

The Bears, however, finished with a 3-6 record indicating that the problems were more than twofold. Chicagoans have suspected as much after witnessing only four winning seasons since their last NFL championship in 1963. The miss on now is to iron out the other wrinkles before one of the great players in history, Walter Payton, gets too many wrinkles of his own. At the present rate, Payton is about to follow former Bears Gale Sayers and Dick Butkus into the Hall of Fame without lasting team success.

From all appearances, Ditka is doing everything in his power to turn the program around. Three obvious needs—pass protection,

OT Jimbo Covert (far left) and WR Willie Gault (#26) will join Jim McMahon (#9), Walter Payton (#34), and Ken Margerum in Chicago.



NFL DRAFT PICKS										
no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college	NFL		
64	Albrecht, Ted	T-G	6-4	250	29	5	Cal. Sta.			
7	Aye, M. Bub	QB	6-2	200	30	9	Mayland			
84	Bachmager, Brian	WR	6-6	184	29	6	Or. St.			
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8	Evans, Vince	QB	6-2	212	28	7	Southern Cal.			
45	Ferrick, Gary	S	6-1	197	29	8	Va. Tech.			
24	Fisher, Jeff	S	5-11	188	35	3	Southern Cal.			
21	Fazio, Leslie	CB	6-0	189	24	3	A. Conn. St.			
	Federick, Andy	DT	6-6	285	29	7	New Mexico			
29	Gault, Dennis	RB	5-8	173	24	2	Baylor			
99	Hampton, Dan	DT	6-5	255	26	5	Arkansas			
35	Harper, Roland	RB	5-11	210	30	6	La Tech			
90	Harris, A.	DE	6-5	250	27	5	A. Conn. St.			
73	Hartenstein, Mike	DE	6-3	243	28	3	Penn. St.			
7	Hatfield, Perry	C	6-5	275	23	2	SMU			
5	Herrin, Bruce	LB	6-2	220	29	6	New Mexico			
63	Higginbotham, Jay	C	6-3	256	24	3	Wake			
65	Jackson, Keith	G	6-3	265	28	3	Tampa			
62	Jenkins, Dan	T	6-5	270	29	8	Harvard			
70	Kirk, Dennis	T	6-3	265	29	8	Washington			
82	Margerum, Ken	WR	5-11	170	25	3	Sacramento			
37	McGowan, Willie	RB	6-1	205	26	3	Georgia			
67	McKinnis, Phil	T	6-4	250	29	8	UCLA			
9	McMahon, Jim	QB	6-1	187	24	2	Brighton Young			
76	McMurry, Steve	DT	6-1	245	26	4	Texas			
87	Moorehead, Emery	TE	6-2	220	29	7	Arkansas			
58	Muckenstern, Jerry	LB	6-4	220	30	3	Arkansas St.			
5	Near, Dan	C	6-4	255	28	11	Kentucky			
68	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	245	34	12	Southern			
87	Parsons, Bub	DT	6-3	253	33	12	Penn. St.			
34	Payton, Walter	RB	5-10	202	28	9	Jackson St.			
44	Schmidt, Terry	CB	6-0	177	31	10	Baylor			
89	Scott, James	WR	6-1	190	31	7	Henderson JC			
50	Singletary, Mike	LB	6-0	230	25	3	Baylor			
69	Sorey, Flore	G	6-2	260	28	8	Mississippi			
26	Sorey, Matt	RB	5-1	217	25	4	Penn. St.			
16	Thomas, Bob	K	5-10	175	31	8	Notre Dame			
33	Thomas, Calvin	RB	5-1	220	23	2	Illinois			
78	van McInerney, Keith	T	6-7	265	26	3	Southern Cal.			
75	Wachtel, Henry	DE	6-6	270	24	2	Nebraska			
23	Walmscheid, Leroy	S	5-11	190	29	7	S. Utah St.			
60	Watts, Rukey	WR	6-1	203	26	5	Mississippi			
88	Williams, Brooks	TE	6-4	226	29	6	North Carolina			
43	Williams, Wall	CB	6-1	185	27	7	New Mexico St.			
55	Wilson, Otis	LB	6-2	222	26	4	Louisiana			

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1	Covert, Jimbo	OT	6-4	271	23	3	Pittsburgh			
1	Gault, Willie	WR	6-0	178	23	3	Tennessee			
2	Richardson, Mike	QB	5-11	197	22	2	Arkansas St.			
3	Dunston, Dave	DB	6-0	202	23	2	Notre Dame			
4	Thayer, Tom	C	6-4	275	22	2	Notre Dame			
4	Dunstrat, Pat	TE	6-2	230	26	2	Duke			
8	Der, Richard	DE	6-2	241	23	2	Tenn. St.			
8	Bort, Mark	DT	6-5	267	22	2	Ole Miss			
9	Nada, Bob	OG	6-2	258	22	2	Pittsburgh			
9	Farag, Mark	LB	6-2	220	22	2	Notre Dame			
10	Hutchinson, Anthony	RB	5-10	180	22	2	Texas Tech			
11	Wentz, Gary	RB	6-0	195	23	2	Washington			
12	Williams, Oliver	WR	6-3	195	23	2	Michigan			

speed at receiver, and a cornerback—were addressed with the first four picks of the draft. Assuming everyone could be signed, Ditka said he wanted to put left tackle Jimbo Covert, wide receiver Willie Gault, and cornerback Mike Richardson into the lineup "at the first practice." The fourth choice, defensive back Dave Duerson, also is expected to contribute immediately.

That Ditka is willing to accept immediate help is a refreshing departure from some previous administrations. That Ditka must rely on immediate help is a bit frightening. Without Covert, left tackle is shaky at best. If Gault decides to wait for the Olympic Games, where he would be a favorite for a medal in the hurdles, his speed won't help the 1983 Bears. If Richardson or Duerson can't switch to the corner from their college position of safety, the Bears' defense will continue to give up big plays. If McMahon has to spend his second year running for his life, as he did as a rookie, his fragile knees might not last a third year. Then it won't matter how long Payton lasts.

Ditka is not a patient man, which endears him to impatient Chicago fans. "We're trying to make the Bears a winner now. I'm not looking to 1990. I'm looking to 1983 and '84," said the coach. Despite two straight fifth-place finishes in the NFC Central, the Bears have the personnel to make a run for the division title just as Green Bay, Minnesota, and Tampa Bay do. While you're at it, you might as well throw in Detroit.

With an experienced McMahon in better shape than he was last year, the Bears hope to be able to string together more than one victory in a row. In today's game, you only have to accomplish that kind of consistency two or three times a season to make the playoffs. Yet the Bears rarely win more than one game in a row. They won three in a row at the end of 1981, which failed to save coach Neil Armstrong. Before that uncommon streak, they won two in a row once in 1980. This year, with the so-called "easiest" schedule in the league and four of their first six games at home, they have fewer excuses than normal.

If McMahon continues to improve, they won't need excuses. Remarkably confident as a rookie, McMahon won over teammates and opponents alike with his resourcefulness and poise. He showed an uncanny ability to avoid a rush and still spot receivers downfield. He directed traffic and then hit his passes, 57.1 percent on the season. Once, under pressure, he tried to complete a pass left-handed. Of the 56 NCAA records he set at Brigham Young, the most amazing was his ratio of touchdown passes to interceptions, 84 to 34. McMahon managed to throw nine touchdown passes and seven interceptions as a rookie, not an easy accomplishment for any quarterback. Yet McMahon expressed disgust at the interceptions.

"He will be a tremendous factor in our success and a very recognizable factor in the National Football League for a long time to come," said Ditka. The Bears are in the unusual position of employing two other quarterbacks who have started and had some success in other years. Bob Avellini guided a young club into the playoffs in 1977. Vince Evans had a promising year in 1980.

McMahon's receiving corps likely will undergo change. The presence of Gault will immediately add a key ingredient, speed, even if

Gault needs to learn more about routes and catching the ball. One of the world's fastest humans, Gault also demonstrated explosiveness and broken-field running ability at Tennessee, where he returned kickoffs and punts and caught 50 passes last year in a non-passing offense.

"It will be interesting to watch cornerbacks line up across from Willie Gault," said Ditka.

Last year, cornerbacks crowded starters Ken Margerum and Brian Baschnagel two possession-type receivers with good hands and the ability to get open. Ditka expects fifth-year man Rickey Watts to respond to Gault's presence and show more consistency. When healthy, Watts can show explosiveness, too. If James Scott returns to the 1981 form he displayed in Canada with Vince Ferragamo and the Montreal Alouettes, he can give Ditka a dimension he wasn't counting on. Few receivers have more talent than Scott, who is 31 and hopes he isn't fading.

Moorehead's emergence as a tight end will be further exploited this year by Ditka's version of the popular two-tight-end formations. Ditka acquired former student Jay Saldi from the Dallas Cowboys and projects him as the primary tight end with Moorehead the rover. "Jay Saldi is a good football player who gets the job done. I know because I coached him," said Ditka. Fourth-round rookie Pat Dunsmore of Drake is another consideration at tight end if his knee responds from surgery after a skiing accident. Ditka had his eye on Dunsmore for a long time.

At running back, Payton often has seemed to operate alone no matter who else was playing. "He's the most complete back that I've ever seen play," said Ditka. Payton was wary about getting fewer rushing attempts in a Dallas-type offense, and he was especially concerned about it when the Bears were 1-3. But he ended up getting the ball by pass or hand-off 20 times a game, not far off his career average of 23 times. "It's important for us to get the ball to him," said Ditka.

Entering his ninth season, Payton remains in incredible condition. He will turn only 29 in July, young for a player with so much experience. According to scout Bill Tobin, who timed him in college, he has lost virtually no speed over the years. Although he never has broken long runs, his forte is his quickness, power inside, and balance. For an encore, he blocks better than any other great runner who ever lived.

Starting fullback Matt Suhey led the club in number of pass receptions last year and hopes he receives adequate playing time in a two-tight-end attack. He is steady and reliable. Backups Willie McClendon, Dennis Gentry, and Calvin Thomas might see more action if Ditka sticks to his vow to play more people in special situations.

The Bears' situation on the offensive line is tenuous even if Covert is able to start at left tackle. The Bears thought they had solved the left-tackle problem in 1981 when they drafted Keith Van Horne No. 1. They say Covert came from a more pass-oriented program at Pitt and has the strength and technique to step in immediately. If he can't, the Bears are left with journeyman Phil McKinney, who filled in last year, and former No. 1 Dennis Lick, who is trying for a second year to come back from 1981 knee surgery. Van Horne is improving at right tackle. Left guard Noah Jackson annual-

ly proves he is the club's best offensive lineman. Right guard belongs to second-year man Perry Hartnett, unless second-year man Kurt Becker or veteran Revie Sorey can claim it. Dan Neal is an experienced center, backed up by Jay Hilgenberg. Jerry Doerger is another reserve lineman with promise.

For the last several years, the Bears' defense under the guidance of coordinator Buddy Ryan has generally outperformed the offense. That distinction doesn't make it the world's greatest defense, however. The offense has finished 26th in the league the last two years, the defense nineteenth and sixteenth.

If tackle Dan Hampton and safety Gary Fencik are signed and ready to play, however, this defense has the potential to improve even more. Hampton led all tackles in sacks last year while adjusting to a new position. He was a Pro Bowl player as an end in 1980, a tackle last year. When the Bears use a 3-4, Hampton switches from right tackle to right end. At left tackle or nose tackle is Jim Osborne, who may be pressed this year by Steve McMichael. Left end Mike Hartenstein remains tough against the run and never misses a game. At right end is Al Harris, who switches to linebacker in the 3-4, allowing the Bears the unusual option of changing formations without substituting personnel. Ditka expects to turn the athletic Harris loose more this year in hopes of getting more sacks and interceptions. Gary Campbell is an intelligent weak-side linebacker who moves inside in the 3-4 but will be challenged there by former Eagle starter Al Chesley. Middle linebacker Mike Singletary is as good as there is at stopping the run and strong-side backer Otis Wilson started flashing the ability that made him the No. 1 draft choice in 1980. Brian Cabral is a capable backup.

In the backfield, Ditka expects three position changes. Former all-pro strong safety

SCORING—Murray, 49 points on 11 field goals and 16 PATs. 12th
RUSHING—Swins, 172 carries for 639 yards, 3.7 avg., 4 TDs. 2nd
PASSING—Danielson, 100 of 197 attempts for 1,343 yards and 10 TDs. 14th
RECEIVING—Sims, 34 receptions for 342 yards, 10.1 avg., no TDs. 13th
INTERCEPTIONS—Walkins, 5 for 22 yards, 4.4 avg. 2nd
PUNTING—Sladany, 36 punts, 41.2 avg., longest 59 yards. 8th
PUNT RETURNS—Martin 26 for 275 yards, 10.6 avg. 3rd
KICKOFF RETURNS—Hall, 16 for 426 yards, 26.6 avg. 1 TD. 1st

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 5 At Philadelphia (N)
 13 At Kansas City
 20 BUFFALO (N)
 27 CINCINNATI (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

		1982 SCORES
September 4	At Tampa Bay	21-23
11	CLEVELAND	—
18	ATLANTA	—
25	At Minnesota	—
October 2	At Los Angeles Rams	19-14
9	GREEN BAY	27-24
16	CHICAGO	17-10
23	At Washington	—
30	At Chicago	17-20
November 7	NEW YORK GIANTS (N)	6-13
13	At Houston	—
20	Green Bay (at Milwaukee)	30-10
24	PITTSBURGH	—
December 5	MINNESOTA	31-34
11	At Cincinnati	—
18	TAMPA BAY	—

Gary Fencik will move to free safety, vacated by departed Doug Plank. The hope is for more interceptions. Third-year man Todd Bell is being groomed to replace Fencik at strong safety. Second-round draft choice Richardson played safety at Arizona State but the Bears claim he has the speed and presence to play corner for them. They gave him veteran Terry Schmidt's job on the left side on the first day of the spring minicamp. On the second day, Ditka wanted to look at Notre Dame's Dueron, the third-round choice who has credentials similar to Richardson. Both rookies have good size and are cinch players as safeties if they can't cut it on the corner. Schmidt, a crafty veteran, will move to nickel back. Right cornerback Leslie Frazier moved in last year and showed the ability that had him favorably compared to former Alcorn State teammate Roynell Young now of the Eagles. Jeff Fisher gives the Bears good depth at safety and can also play as a nickel or sixth back in special defenses. Fisher also may get a chance to regain the punt-return job he lost for a while to Gentry last year.

Watts and Gentry returned kickoffs, but Gault could move into that role this year, especially if he's slow to move into the wide receiver spot. Place-kicker Bob Thomas finally won Ditka's approval after Ditka cut him before last season, then re-signed him after he had made five of five for the Detroit Lions in a pinch role for Eddie Murray. Bob Parsons does a good job punting the ball inside the 20 and will be kicking for his twelfth year.

DETROIT LIONS

Every year in Detroit, the Lions start out the season with hopes and plans of winning. Every year something happens to ensure another mediocre finish. Every year it looks like they finally have the talent, the coaching, or the good vibrations to put it all together. Every year they don't.

This year, things are going to be different. The Lions don't look good at all. They look like a team in trouble. They don't seem capable of winning half their games. They are the only team in the league that got worse in all six main categories of offense and defense. They dropped from third to 24th in overall offense, from fourth to ninth in defense.

To get an idea how close the Lions seemed to be, no other club ranked in the top four in both offense and defense in 1981. Yet the Lions ended up with a typical 8-8 record. Last year they were 4-5. The Lions' record for mediocrity is astounding. Except for 1979, when their 2-14 record earned them Billy Sims, they haven't been really awful since the late 1940s. But they haven't been really good since Bob Layne and the 1950s.

This is the 1980s and the Lions are working on their third consecutive decade of mediocrity. One statistic is particularly revealing. They have held a lead in every one of their last 30 regular-season games, yet have lost 15 of them. The difference this year is nobody ex-

Running back Billy Sims (#20) and quarterback Eric Hipple of Detroit

pects much. So maybe they'll win it all. If they do, coach Monte Clark will make all the geniuses before him look like mere mortals.

The Lions didn't win half their games last year, even though they managed to slither into the postseason disguised as a playoff team. Washington unmasked them, 31-7, and they went home the same way they arrived—embarrassed. Since when does the fourth-place team in the NFC Central get into the playoffs?

How did this team plummet so fast? Some say the strike took more out of them than it took out of any other team. Adamantly pro-union, the Lions sat out in protest for 24 hours after the strike was settled. They are a team that always has had difficult times in contract negotiations, so the theory is they pinned their hopes on collective bargaining. After the settlement, they lost five of their last seven games, beating only Green Bay twice. They were forced into the playoff by the tie-breaker system only after San Francisco and Atlanta lost in upsets.

Clark tried to emphasize the positive, of course. "Making the playoffs represented an ability to transcend some of the earlier problems," he said. "But it could very easily have been a much different season. I really didn't think our team was that much different from some of the top clubs. They won some close games and we lost some close ones. I don't think we're as far off as it might appear." The Lions never are far off. Over the last 14 years they have finished second nine times.

The Lions were happy with their No. 1 draft choice, fullback James Jones, because they think he will complement Sims better than anyone else has. But Jones will have to be awfully good to make the Lions forget some of their other problems.

Clark switched quarterbacks twice during the short season. He went from Eric Hipple to Gary Danielson after four games, then returned to Hipple for the playoff game against Washington. Neither quarterback compiled major-league statistics. Danielson finished last in the NFC in passer rating and Hipple failed to qualify. Hipple's passer rating was lower than Danielson's. Hipple completed 22 of 38 for 298 yards and a touchdown against Washington in the playoff. The week before he replaced Danielson and directed the winning drive against Green Bay. On that basis, Hipple has been reinstated in the No. 1 spot for 1983. Danielson spent most of the off-season seeking routes out of Detroit. Clark said he doesn't want another two-quarterback season. Neither do the quarterbacks.

The Lions' receiving and running attacks revolve around Sims, the team's leading receiver and runner. Sims finished second in NFC rushing and is rapidly rewriting Detroit record books as he enters only his fourth season. Yet he left fans puzzled by an indifferent performance in the playoff game in which he fumbled twice and gained only 19 yards in six carries.

Perhaps the answer is Jones, a 6-3, 236-pound pure fullback from Florida. The Lions have been without a big fullback since the premature departure of Lawrence Gaines in 1979. Halfback Dexter Bussey, the team's all-time leading rusher, did his best as Sims' running mate. But he is no fullback. In Jones the Lions have a blocker who can run and catch. He was a former tight end. The Lions were surprised to get him because he had been



projected to go to Philadelphia earlier. Instead, the Eagles took Michael Haddix of Mississippi State, the man the Lions thought they would get. Naturally, the Lions said they had coveted eyes on Jones all along, and they think he is a more logical counterpart for Sims than the smaller Haddix would have been.

The need for a big back was so urgent that the Lions had tight end David Hill listed behind Bussey at fullback on their depth chart for the playoffs. With Jones and Sims, it is unlikely that Clark will use much of the popular two-tight-end attack. The addition of Jones would appear to leave Bussey in his tenth season, as a reserve. Other backup help is provided by veterans Rick Kane and Horace King and third-year man Vince Thompson, provided Thompson can return from injury.

At wide receiver the Lions still await the emergence of Mark Nichols, their No. 1 draft choice in 1981. He has been hindered by injuries for both his pro years, yet displayed just enough potential to keep appetites whetted. This year he will be coming off ankle surgery. Meanwhile, dependable Leonard Thompson continues to provide more than potential. He refuses to relinquish his role as the team's big-play man. He led the team in average yards per catch, with 19.3. He tied Hill for the club lead in touchdown receptions (four). Against Washington he caught seven balls for 150 yards. Freddie Scott also produces where others fail. He has led the team in receiving for three of the last four years, although his droppoff last year to 13 catches might make him vulnerable for replacement. Besides Nichols, another third-year man Tracy Porter, is ready to challenge for a starting role.

Hill remains one of the league's most talented tight ends as he enters his eighth year. Not many have the blocking, running and receiving skills of this veteran when he puts it all together. Ulysses Norris and Rob Rubick back up Hill.

Clark made changes in his offensive line last season, and more changes might be expected with the drafting of second-round tackle Rich Strenger of Michigan and fifth-round center Steve Mott of Alabama. Fourth-year man Chris Dieterich is the starter at left tackle after beating out Karl Baldischwiler last year. But Clark has high hopes for Strenger, too. Only trouble is, Strenger injured a knee in the Rose Bowl, so his stock dropped in the draft. Surgery was not required on the 6-7, 280-pounder, but the knee was not 100 percent in April. At right tackle Keith Dorney

earned a trip to the Pro Bowl last year after four years as a solid performer. The depth at tackle is questionable until Strenger proves he is healthy. At guard, Homer Elias has missed only four starts in 70 games on the left side. Second-year man Don Greco beat out veteran Russ Bolinger as a rookie on the right side, prompting Clark to ship Bolinger to Los Angeles. Tommie Ginn plans to return from the injured list to provide backup help at guard, along with versatile Larry Lee. At center, Amos Fowler has started for three seasons but could face some competition from Mott, as well as fourth-year backup Tom Turnure.

On defense, more changes are expected. Linebacker Stan White left for the United States Football League. And cornerback James Hunter has been forced to retire because of a neck injury. To compound the uncertainties of transition, the Lions' two top defensive draft choices—end Mike Cofer and linebacker August Curley—arrived with several question marks attached to their physiques. The Lions were not a bad defense in 1982, leading the NFC in stopping the run for the third consecutive year. The "Silver Rush" also tied for the NFC lead in quarterback sacks.

The front four could be strengthened considerably by the addition of Mike Fanning via a trade from the Los Angeles Rams. Fanning led the Rams in sacks last year but was phased out when the Rams' new 3-4 defense left no room for tackles. Fanning will have to contribute plenty if sack leader Al Baker sulks and pursues requests for a trade of his own. Baker led the Lions with 8½ sacks and has now accumulated the impressive number of 75½ sacks in 67 NFL games from right end. Although there are few pure pass rushers any better, Baker still has problems stopping the run. He gets help from backup Curtis Green. Left end Dave Purefoy has started 61 games since joining the club as a free agent in 1978. At age 34, his days would appear to be numbered, but he remains quick and effective.

Cofer was selected in the third round as an end prospect, to the surprise of some scouts. Because he played at Tennessee at 227 pounds, he had been rated by many as a potential linebacker. One respected system ranked him as the 30th-best linebacker. The Lions took him as an end with the hope he can gain 15 pounds.

Tackles Doug English and William Gay accounted for 11 sacks between them, providing excellent inside pressure. English made it to the Pro Bowl for the second straight season after returning to football from a year off to pursue the oil business. Fanning seems to have too much good football left in him to sit on the bench much, so competition at tackle could be interesting.

At linebacker the Lions drafted Curley in the fourth round strictly on potential. At Southern Cal Curley suffered torn knee ligaments in the second game of the season. But the Lions thought the 6-2, 228-pounder is worth the gamble. "So he isn't 100 percent right now. He will be sometime," said Clark.

The Lions need protection at outside linebacker with the exit of White and the return from ankle surgery of White's replacement, Jimmy Williams. At left linebacker Garry Cobb has been more than adequate, and in the middle the Lions think Ken Fantetti is a Pro Bowl player. He has led the club in tackles for three seasons. Young Steve Doig and Roosevelt

Barnes and veterans Terry Tautolo and James Harrell are reserves.

In the secondary, the Lions didn't get help from the draft until taking safety Demetrious Johnson of Missouri in the fifth round. With cornerback Hunter gone, Bruce McNorton and Al Latimer will vie for the right-side spot opposite left corner Bobby Watkins. Watkins and McNorton are only in their second years. Watkins was outstanding as a rookie, intercepting five passes.

Another second-year player, William Graham, ended up as the starting strong safety. Third-year man Alvin Hall, the only player to start all nine games in 1982, is the free safety. Veteran Ray Oldham has retired.

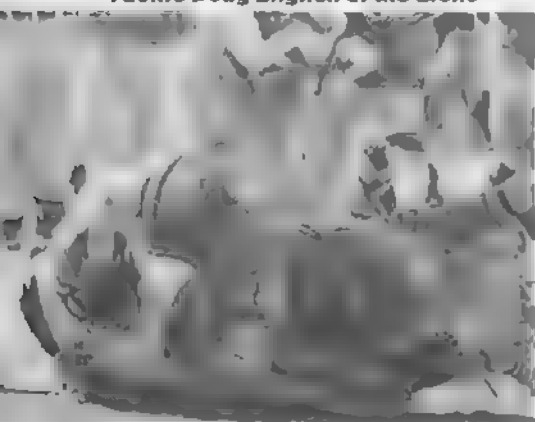
Hall and Robbie Martin were outstanding in kickoff and punt returns, respectively, last year. Hall led the conference with a 26.6-yard average, Martin was third in the NFC with a 10.6 average. Unless they take another hike in contract disputes, place-kicker Eddie Murray and punter Tom Skladany can give the Lions one of the best kicking tandems in football.

LIONS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college
60	Baker, Al	DE	6-5	260	27	6	Colorado St.
76	Baldischwiler, Karl	T	6-5	260	27	6	Oklahoma
54	Barnes, Roosevelt	LB	6-2	220	25	2	Purdue
24	Bussey, Dender	PB	6-1	210	31	10	Arlington
53	Cobb, Gary	LB	6-2	227	26	5	Southern Cal.
16	Danielson, Gary	QB	6-2	196	32	7	Purdue
72	Dieterich, Chris	T	6-3	255	25	4	N.C. St.
58	Doig, Steve	LB	6-2	240	23	2	New Hampshire
70	Dorney, Keith	T	6-6	260	26	5	Penn St.
61	Elias, Homer	G	6-2	255	28	6	Tenn. St.
78	English, Doug	DT	6-5	258	30	7	Texas
	Fanning, Mike	DT	6-5	255	30	9	Notre Dame
57	Fantetti, Ken	LB	6-2	227	25	5	Wyoming
65	Fowler, Amos	C	6-3	253	27	6	Southern Miss
79	Gay, William	DL	6-5	255	28	6	Southern Cal.
66	Ginn, Tommie	G	6-3	255	25	3	Arkansas
33	Graham, William	DB	5-11	190	24	2	Texas
26	Gray, Hector	DB	6-1	190	26	3	Florida St.
67	Greco, Don	G	6-3	255	24	2	W. Illinois
62	Green, Curtis	DL	6-3	252	26	3	Alabama St.
35	Hall, Alvin	CB	5-10	184	25	3	Miami (OH)
51	Harrell, James	LB	6-1	220	26	5	Florida
81	Hill, David	TE	6-2	228	29	8	Texas A&M
17	Hopkins, Eric	QB	6-2	196	26	4	Utah State
32	Kane, Rick	RB	6-0	200	29	7	San Jose St.
25	King, Horace	PB	5-11	205	30	9	Georgia
43	Latimer, Al	S	5-11	177	26	4	Clemson
64	Lee, Larry	OL	6-2	260	24	3	UCLA
83	Martin, Robbie	S-WR	5-8	177	25	3	Cal Poly-SLO
29	McNorton, Bruce	DB	5-11	175	24	2	Georgetown (KY)
63	Moss, Martin	DT	6-4	252	25	2	UCLA
3	Murray, Ed	K	5-10	170	27	4	Tulane
86	Nichols, Mark	WR	6-2	213	24	3	San Jose St.
80	Norris, Ulysses	TE	6-4	232	26	5	Georgia
89	Porter, Tracy	WR	6-1	196	24	3	LSU
75	Purefoy, Dave	DE	6-1	255	34	12	E. Michigan
84	Rubick, Rob	TE	6-2	228	23	2	Grand Valley
67	Scott, Fred	WR	6-2	228	31	2	Antlers
20	Sims, Billy	RB	6-0	212	28	4	Oklahoma
1	Skladany, Tom	P	5-11	195	28	5	Ohio State
50	Tautolo, Terry	LB	6-2	227	29	7	UCLA
39	Thompson, Leonard	WR	5-11	192	31	9	Oklahoma St.
38	Thompson, Vince	PB	6-0	230	26	2	Villanova
55	Turnure, Tom	C	6-4	250	26	4	Washington
27	Watkins, Bobby	CB	5-10	184	23	2	SW Texas St.
59	Williams, Jimmy	LB	6-3	221	23	2	Nebraska

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1	Jones, James	RB	6-3	235	23	Florida
2	Strenger, Rich	DT	6-7	280	23	Michigan
3	Cofer, Mike	DE	6-5	235	23	Tennessee
4	Curley, August	LB	6-3	232	23	Southern Cal.
5	Johnson, Demetrious	DB	5-11	186	22	Missouri
6	Mott, Steve	C	6-3	259	22	Alabama
7	Brown, Todd	WR	6-1	174	23	Nebraska
7	Black, Mike	P	6-1	205	22	Arizona St.
8	Stapleton, Bill	DB	5-11	188	23	Washington
10	Laube, Dave	DB	6-3	270	22	Penn St.
11	Fate, Ben	RB	6-0	230	23	N.C. Central
12	Lane, Jim	C	6-3	260	22	Idaho St.

Tackle Doug English of the Lions





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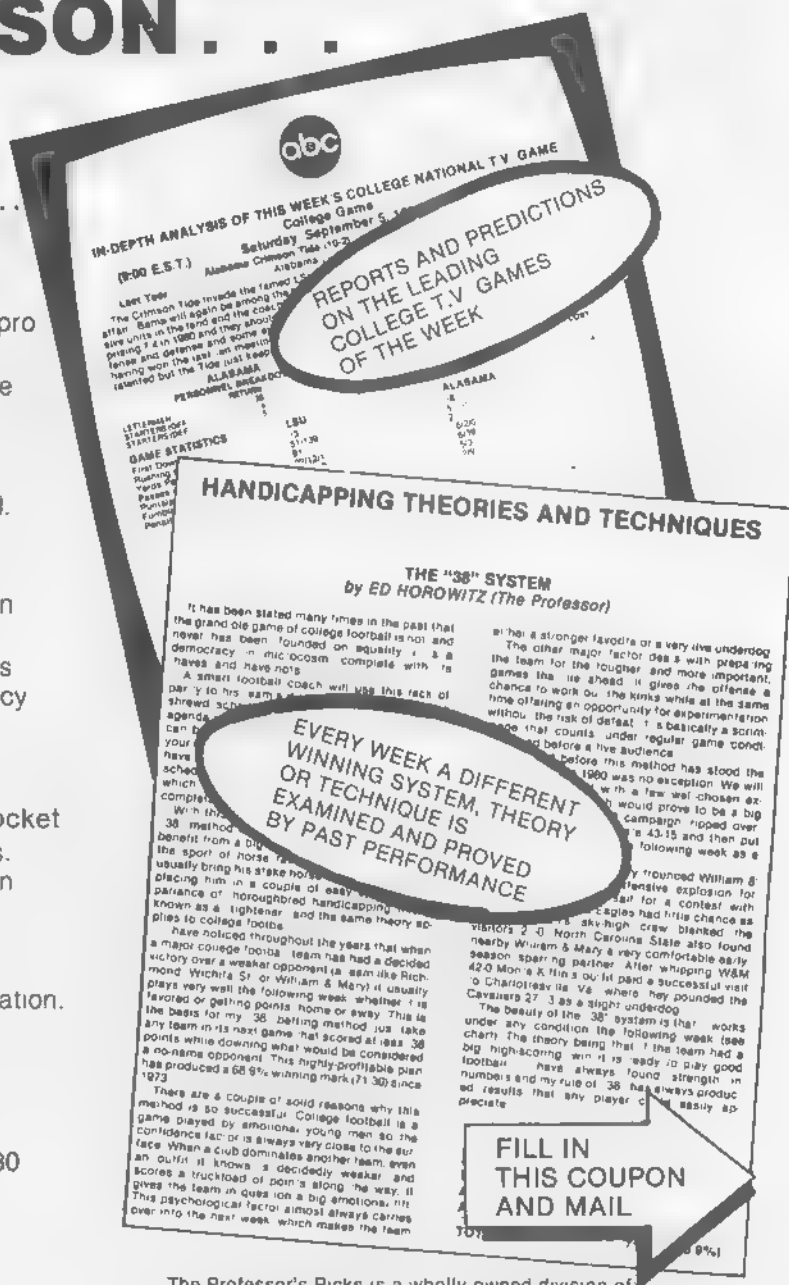
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SEPTEMBER 6 -- NAT'L FOOTBALL LEAGUE									
TEAM	PTS	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	24	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
ATLANTA FAHNS	10	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
MINNAPOLIS VIKINGS	10	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
TAMPA BAY BUCC	10	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 -- COLLEGE FOOTBALL									
TEAM	PTS	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L
1 TENNESSEE	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
2 GEORGIA	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
3 HOUSTON	10	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
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MAN VILMICHICO 49ERS

Bili Walsh knew this wouldn't be easy. Winning a Super Bowl was kid stuff compared to defending one. The thought of regrouping for 1983 made him shudder. He hemmed and hawed and wondered out loud whether it would be worth all the trouble. It's one thing to be a genius, how do you become a genie? Designing plays is nothing compared to refining players. How does a coach guard against complacency? How does he keep players healthy?

His assistant coaches were left high and dry long enough to seek new horizons. Walsh himself had to be talked into staying by owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr. all this only a mere year removed from the glory of Super Bowl XVI. The year was a nightmare despite the good excuse of a strike. The 49er troubles began almost before the flash bulbs cooled. When all-pro guard Randy Cross severely injured his knee and ankle making a charity appearance on Memorial Day, 1982, Walsh started getting bad vibrations.

The challenge now is to turn it around. Walsh demonstrated he is not about to sit around and hope for the better when he acquired running back Wendell Tyler from the Los Angeles Rams. Tyler is not a plug for the dike. His fumbling history notwithstanding, he is a big play producer, the talent in the backfield Walsh has coveted for years. He catches, he runs, he scores. For the Los Angeles Rams to peddle him to a division opponent indicates their tremendous expectations from rookie Eric Dickerson.

"We can atone for last year," said Walsh of the 3-6 downfall. "We still have a good nucleus, especially if our injured players return to full health."

In preparation for that, Walsh announced the addition of "maybe the best offseason acquisition" besides Tyler—Jerry Attaway, coordinator for physical development. Walsh was so enthusiastic upon Attaway's arrival from Southern Cal that he called a March minicamp so Attaway could give all 49er veterans a program of diet, running, and overall conditioning. The idea is to avoid as many injuries as possible, a goal that sometimes seems to be the paramount qualification for winning Super Bowls. When the 49ers won, for instance, the only starter who missed more than one game with an injury was place-kicker Ray Wersching. Only two other starters missed a game because of injury.

Last year, had the 49ers made the playoffs (and they were only one victory away), they would have opened the postseason against Washington without six of their original 22 starters—Bubba Paris, John Ayers, Freddie Solomon, Dwaine Board, Dan Bunz, and Eric Wright. The list didn't end there. Throughout the year, 25 players missed considerable practice or playing time because of various ailments. The injured included Russ Francis, Randy Cross, Mike Wilson, Jim Stuckey, Willie Harper, Carlton Williamson, Dwight Hicks, Fred Dean, and Lawrence Pillers.

Yet there was more to the downfall than merely falling down.



"We certainly cannot blame the entire season on injuries," said Walsh. "We also suffered from championship fallout, the syndrome where you think you're working as hard in preparing for the defense of the title, but you really aren't. You are lulled into thinking that you can turn it on when you have to, and you just don't maintain the needed edge that got you through in the championship year."

"We simply can't blame the players for all of this. I have a responsibility in this, so do our coaches. Remember, we lost just one game by more than a touchdown."

Regrouping began with the acquisition of Tyler. When the 49ers won the Super Bowl, they ranked nineteenth in the league in rushing. Last year, they fell to 28th, dead last. Walsh likes to pass, but some semblance of balance still is necessary. Tyler provides a spark in both areas. He ran and caught for more yardage than Atlanta's William Andrews last year, leading all backs in the combined categories. Only the Raiders' Marcus Allen scored more among non-kickers. Tyler's reputation as a fumbler is exaggerated because of the haphazard way he carries the ball. But two years ago Earl Campbell, Andrews, Joe Cribbs, Otis Anderson, and Tony Dorsett all lost more fumbles than Tyler. "Sometimes I fumble, but most of the time I don't," he said.

Walsh will take his chances. "Trading for Tyler really makes this year's draft. He is the halfback we have been looking for, really the best all-around back the 49ers have had in a number of years. What I remember most about Wendell is he always played against us with a little grin on his face as he ran by."

To underscore Walsh's desire for new faces in his backfield, the 49ers spent their first draft choice on another back, Nebraska's Roger Craig, who could replace the disappointing Earl Cooper as the starting fullback. Craig, a former tailback and fullback at Nebraska, will play at around 215 pounds.

Despite the addition of Tyler and Craig, however, the 49ers sounded greedy. "The thing that still haunts me a little is that right now we haven't got a fullback who can take on the

San Francisco added Wendell Tyler (#26) to an offense that features quarterback Joe Montana and wide receiver Dwight Clark (#87); Jack Reynolds (#64) keys the defense.



SCORING—Wersching, 59 points on 12 field goals and 23 PATs. 6th.
RUSHING—Moore, 85 carries for 281 yards, 3.3 avg., 4 TDs. 16th.
PASSING—Montana, 213 of 346 attempts for 2,613 yards and 17 TDs. 3rd.
RECEIVING—Clark, 80 receptions for 913 yards, 15.2 avg., 5 TDs. 1st.
INTERCEPTIONS—Hicks, 3 for 5 yards, 1.7 avg. 20th.
PUNTING—Miller, 44 punts, 38.1 avg., longest 80 yards. 18th.
PUNT RETURNS—Solomon, 13 for 122 yards, 9.4 avg., 4th.
KICKOFF RETURNS—McLamore, 16 for 353 yards, 22.1 avg. 10th.

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6 At Los Angeles Raiders (N)
14 NEW ENGLAND
20 At San Diego (N)
27 SEATTLE

1983 SCHEDULE

		1982 SCORES
September 4	PHILADELPHIA	—
8	At Minnesota (N)	—
18	At St. Louis	31-20
25	ATLANTA	7-17
October 2	At New England	—
9	LOS ANGELES RAMS	20-21
16	At New Orleans	—
23	At Los Angeles Rams	30-24
30	NEW YORK JETS	—
November 6	MIAMI	—
13	NEW ORLEANS	20-23
20	At Atlanta	—
27	At Chicago	—
December 4	TAMPA BAY	—
11	At Buffalo	—
19	DALLAS (N)	—



Johnny Davis role, the 235-pound, two-yard and three-yard guy," said Walsh, who cut Davis last summer.

The changes leave last year's regulars—Jeff Moore, Bill Ring, and Cooper—over a barrel. Moore scored eight touchdowns, led the club in rushing, and trailed only Dwight Clark in receiving, so he is not expected to play dead. Ring is the all-around competitor who ended up starting at fullback for the ostensibly more talented Cooper. Walsh's No. 1 draft choice in 1980, Cooper may move to tight end to give Walsh more flexibility in the two tight end alignments that nearly every club is preparing.

Talk of running and receiving is idle without first considering the quarterback, Joe Montana. The threat of a running attack no doubt

will remove Montana from the endangered list. Defenses were able to concentrate on the fifth-year signal-caller, and he suffered a bruised tailbone and a sore knee. He underwent arthroscopic surgery on the knee two months after the season ended. He is expected to be at full strength now. Montana, who also suffers from a chronic elbow problem in his throwing arm, nevertheless led the NFC in touchdown passes, with 17. He threw for a club-record 408 yards against St. Louis and began an NFL record streak of five consecutive 300-plus-yard passing games.

"We are looking for Joe to be one of the premier quarterbacks in the league in 1983," said Walsh, whose expectations are not too high for this player. Montana's quickness, resourcefulness, accuracy, and decision-making already stamp him as a premier quarterback.

Walsh has so much confidence in backup Guy Benjamin and in the 49er system that he says the former Stanford star could have the 49ers in high gear within a week of taking over for Montana in an emergency. Second-year man Bryan Clark also has looked good in preseason games.

Montana's favorite receiver could be anybody's favorite, Dwight Clark. At 6-4, 215, he provides the kind of target every quarterback craves. Speed is supposed to be his shortcoming, but as Chicago coach Mike Ditka observed, "I don't ever see anybody catch him from behind." Clark followed up his outstanding Super Bowl year by leading the league with 60 receptions for 913 yards and five touchdowns in only nine games.

"If Dwight keeps playing in the manner he has over the past two seasons, he could become a perennial all-pro and earn Hall of Fame credentials someday," Walsh says.

Freddie Solomon remains the incumbent opposite Clark. In his ninth season, Solomon still has the speed to be a deep threat. He also doubles as a punt-return specialist. It might be time, however, for third-year player Mike Wilson to make a move toward the starting lineup. He is 6-3, 210, and has demonstrated ability when given the chance. Renaldo Nehemiah still has some hurdles to overcome, although he led the team in average yards per catch (20.1) on eight receptions. Walsh expected this project to take at least a year and Nehemiah's development was hampered by the strike. So he may still be a year away. If his speed and athletic ability can be directed in the paths of a receiver, however, he could explode into the national limelight.

Tight end Russ Francis still must prove he can shake the cobwebs from a year's leave from football (in 1981). He was hindered by chronic lower back problems. Starting tight end Charlie Young enters his eleventh season and fifth-year man Eason Ramson has a history of injury. The 49ers added big Mike Mularkey of Florida in the ninth round.

To buoy the offensive line Walsh traded for veteran tackle-guard George Collins of St. Louis. He should provide protection for starting guards Randy Cross and John Ayers, who both suffered injuries last year. Ayers underwent knee surgery after the season, so his rehabilitation remains in question. Cross played all year after his offseason injury, but he was not the all-pro he was in 1981. Keith Fahnhorst "does not have a weakness"

according to Walsh. The tenth year right tackle has started 71 consecutive games. Walsh would welcome anything approaching such stability at left tackle where injury forced changes last year. Bubba Paris, the No. 1 draft choice in 1982, suffered a knee injury in the preseason. Walsh still thinks Paris "can be one of the great tackles" in the league. The 49ers traded for Lindsey Mason of the Raiders, and he performed adequately all season. Big Allan Kennedy could become a factor if he can shake the injury jinx. Center Fred Quilan is called the most agile, active athlete on the line and is ably backed by center-guard Walt Downing.

Walsh's defensive line is less settled. If end Dwaine Board can return from knee surgery to the 1981 form that made him the best defender on the team, the problems will be considerably lessened. If not, John Hartly is expected to be the starter on the left side in the three-man front. Jim Stuckey hopes to shake a hip injury and return to right end. Pete Kugler, switched from offense to nose tackle, was the team's most improved player last year and must continue to improve this year. Green Jeff Stover backs up the middle. Pass rusher Fred Dean remains dangerous in nickel defenses and might see more action at linebacker. Veteran Lawrence Pilfers was second on the squad in sacks. The addition of Cody Jones in the Tyler trade should help.

Linebacking is a concern Walsh tried to address by drafting UCLA's Blanchard Montgomery, Southern Cal's Rik Gray and SMU's Gary Moten in rounds three, five, and seven. All three play inside where 14-year man Jack Reynolds and eight-year man Bob Horn need help, although Reynolds led the club in tackles and Horn led in consistency last year. Another veteran, Willie Harper, must recover from ankle problems and regain form at the left outside spot where he will be joined by former insider Dan Bunz. Keena Turner holds down the right side and Bobby Leopold, Ron Ferrari, and Milt McColl are capable specialists.

The back four look to regain their 1981 form, when they terrorized the league. Ronnie Lott scored only one touchdown on an interception from his left corner spot last year. Playing with a sore thigh, Lott was the victim of some exploitation partly attributable to the lack of a pass rush. He trailed only Reynolds in tackles. Right corner Eric Wright looks to recover from his injuries. Free safety Dwight Hicks "is a key factor to the 49ers' 1983 hopes," according to Walsh. Although voted to the Pro Bowl, Hicks' 1982 season failed to match his 1981 standards. Strong safety Carlton Williamson was third in tackles on the club. Depth is thin and might be aided by fourth-round draft choice Tom Holmoe of Brigham Young.

In his eleventh season, Ray Wersching proved he can still kick. He made 11 of 13 field goals between 30 and 50 yards. The 49ers want more consistency from punter Jim Miller. Backup corner Dana McLemore was impressive returning kickoffs and punts. Amos Lawrence helps with the kickoffs.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

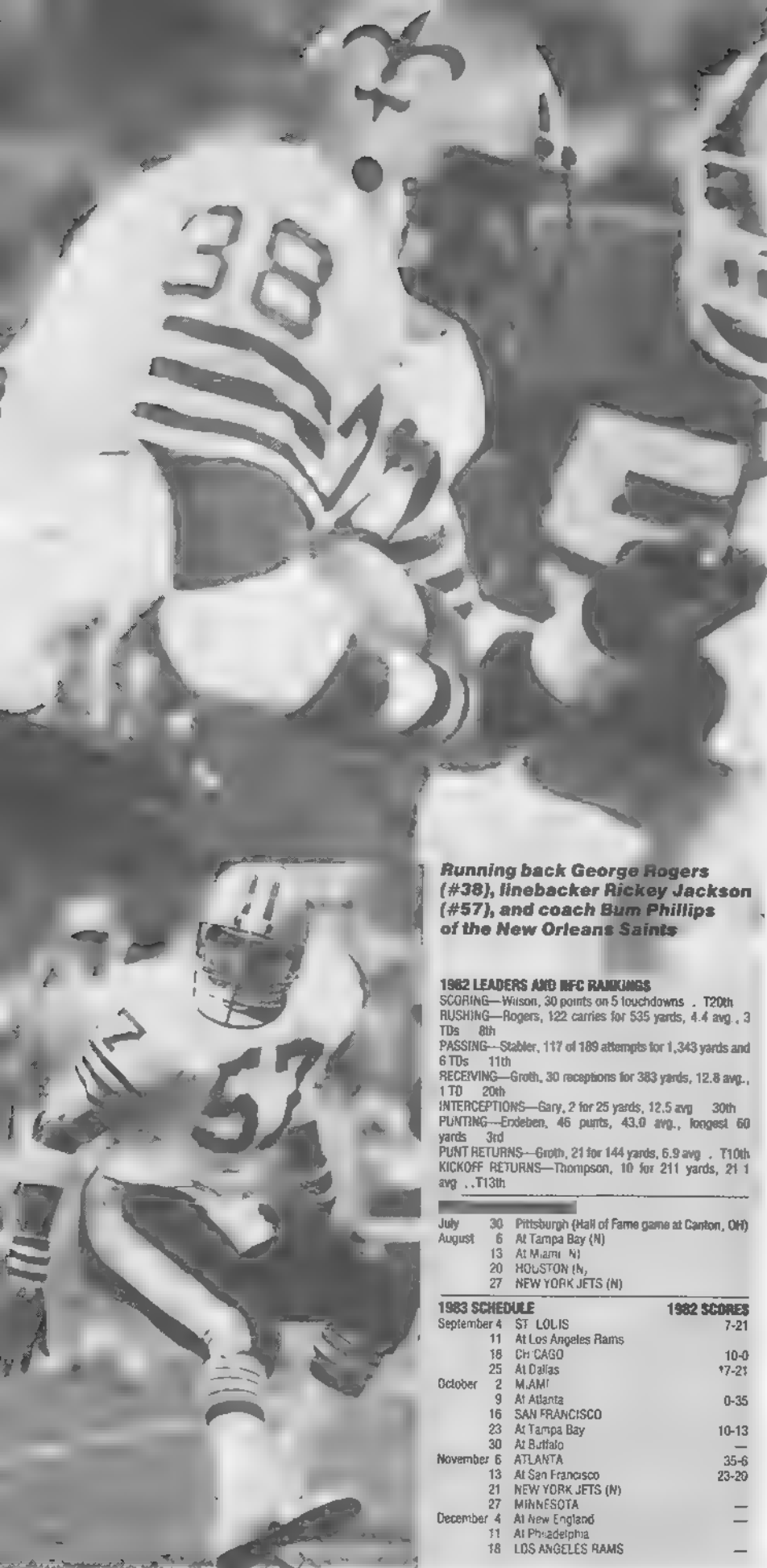
Welcome to that bastion of stability in the NFC West: the New Orleans Saints, otherwise known as the Cradle of Coaches. While the NFC West foes upheave their coaching staffs, the Saints remain steadfast. Another few months

1982-83 NFL ROSTERS

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
65	Ayers, John	LG	6-5	265	30	7	W. Texas St.
63	Beeson, Terry	LB	6-3	233	28	7	Kansas
7	Benjamin, Guy	QB	6-3	210	28	6	Stanford
76	Board, Dwaine	DE	6-5	250	27	4	N.C. A&T
57	Bunz, Dan	LB	6-4	225	28	5	Long Beach
80	Choma, John	DL	6-6	261	28	3	Virginia
15	Clark, Bryan	QB	6-2	196	23	2	Michigan St.
87	Clark, Dwight	WR	6-4	210	26	5	Clemson
90	Clark, Mike	DE	6-4	250	24	3	Florida
47	Collins, Tim	CB	6-0	176	29	8	E. Texas St.
	Collins, George	DL	6-2	270	28	6	Georgia
49	Cooper, Earl	FB	6-2	227	26	4	Rice
51	Cross, Randy	G	6-3	265	29	8	UCLA
74	Dean, Fred	DE	6-2	236	31	9	La. Tech
62	Downing, Walt	OL	6-3	270	27	6	Michigan
	Evans, Chuck	LB	6-3	235	27	3	Stanford
71	Fahnhorst, Keith	T	6-6	273	31	10	Minnesota
	Favron, Calvin	LB	6-1	227	26	5	SE Louisiana
54	Ferrari, Ron	LB	6-0	212	24	2	Illinois
81	Francis, Russ	TE	6-6	242	30	8	Oregon
24	Gervais, Rick	S	5-11	190	24	3	Stanford
59	Harper, Willie	LB	6-2	215	33	10	Nebraska
75	Harty, John	DT	6-4	263	25	3	Iowa
22	Hicks, Dwight	S	6-1	189	27	5	Michigan
55	Horn, Bob	LB	6-4	230	28	8	Oregon St.
	Jones, Cody	DT	6-6	255	32	9	San Jose St.
50	Judice, Ed	LB	6-2	231	24	2	N. Arizona
66	Kennedy, Allan	T	6-7	275	25	2	Wash. St.
67	Kugler, Pete	DL	6-4	255	24	3	Perin St.
20	Lawrence, Amos	RB	5-10	179	25	3	N. Carolina
52	Leopold, Bobby	LB	6	215	26	4	Notre Dame
42	Lott, Ronnie	CB	6-0	199	24	3	Southern Cal
78	Mason, Lindsey	T	6-5	275	28	5	Kansas
53	McColl, Milt	LB	6-6	220	24	3	Stanford
43	McLemore, Dana	DB	5-10	183	23	2	Hawaii
3	Miller, Jim	P	5-11	183	26	4	Mississippi
16	Montana, Joe	QB	6-2	200	27	5	Notre Dame
25	Moore, Jeff	RB	6-0	196	27	4	Jackson St.
83	Nehemiah, Renaldo	WR	6-1	177	24	2	Maryland
	Perry, Leon	FB	5-11	230	26	4	Mississippi
65	Pilters, Lawrence	DL	6-4	250	31	8	Alcorn A&M
56	Quillan, Fred	G	6-5	266	27	6	Oregon
80	Ramson, Eason	TE	6-2	234	27	5	Wash. St.
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1	232	36	14	Tennessee
30	Ring, Bill	RB	5-10	215	27	3	Brigham Young
82	Solomon, Freddie	WR	5-11	185	30	9	Tampa
72	Stover, Jeff	DE	6-5	275	25	2	Oregon
79	Stuckey, Jim	DE	6-4	251	25	4	Clemson
58	Turner, Keena	LB	6-2	219	25	4	Purdue
	Tyler, Wendell	RB	5-10	198	28	6	UCLA
14	Wersching, Ray	K	5-11	210	33	11	California
45	Williams, Newton	RB	5-10	204	28	2	Arizona St.
40	Williams, Vince	FB	6-0	231	24	2	Oregon
27	Williamson, Carlton	S	6-0	204	25	3	Pittsburgh
85	Wilson, Mike	WR	6-3	210	25	3	Wash. St.
21	Wright, Eric	CB	6-1	180	24	3	Missouri
86	Young, Charlie	TE	6-4	234	32	11	Southern Cal.

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3	Montgomery, B.	LB	6-3	230	22	2	UCLA
4	Holmoe, Tom	DB	6-0	190	22	2	Brigham Young
5	Gray, Rik	LB	6-3	230	23	2	Southern Cal
7	Molen, Gary	LB	6-1	210	22	2	SMU
9	Mularkey, Mike	TE	6-4	250	23	2	Florida
10	Merrill, Jeff	DT	6-2	258	22	2	Nebraska
11	Sapota, Jesse	OG	6-2	250	23	2	Hawaii



Running back George Rogers (#38), linebacker Rickey Jackson (#57), and coach Bum Phillips of the New Orleans Saints

1982 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Wilson, 30 points on 5 touchdowns . T20th
RUSHING—Rogers, 122 carries for 535 yards, 4.4 avg. . 3 TDs 8th
PASSING—Stabler, 117 of 189 attempts for 1,343 yards and 6 TDs 11th
RECEIVING—Groth, 30 receptions for 383 yards, 12.8 avg. . 1 TD 20th
INTERCEPTIONS—Gary, 2 for 25 yards, 12.5 avg 30th
PUNTING—Endebeen, 46 punts, 43.0 avg., longest 60 yards 3rd
PUNT RETURNS—Groth, 21 for 144 yards, 6.9 avg . T10th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Thompson, 10 for 211 yards, 21.1 avg . T13th

July	30	Pittsburgh (Hall of Fame game at Canton, OH)
August	6	At Tampa Bay (N)
	13	At Miami (N)
	20	HOUSTON (N)
	27	NEW YORK JETS (N)

1983 SCHEDULE		1982 SCORES
September 4	ST. LOUIS	7-21
11	At Los Angeles Rams	
18	CHICAGO	10-0
25	At Dallas	17-21
October 2	MIAMI	
9	At Atlanta	0-35
16	SAN FRANCISCO	
23	At Tampa Bay	10-13
30	At Buffalo	
November 6	ATLANTA	35-6
13	At San Francisco	23-20
21	NEW YORK JETS (N)	
27	MINNESOTA	
December 4	At New England	
11	At Philadelphia	
18	LOS ANGELES RAMS	

and they will be comparing Bum Phillips to Tom Landry. Bill Walsh fires his coaches in San Francisco and spends weeks pondering his own fate. Atlanta goes to the playoffs and fires Leeman Bennett. Los Angeles fires Ray Malavasi because no one lasts more than five years in Tinseltown even if the Rams have gone to a Super Bowl.

Meanwhile, back in New Orleans, continuity reigns. While others panic, the Saints plan. Entering his third year at the helm, Phillips looks like a guru. John McVom Jr., had hired seven head coaches in 15 years, and none has ever enjoyed a winning season. Phillips appears ready to do that. It won't be long, of course, before winning will be expected.

Saints' fans figure it's not asking too much. While other cities fire coaches who happen to lose Super Bowls, New Orleans would be happy to see its heroes win more games than they lose. Just once, for heaven's sake. Then we'll talk about playoffs. Under Phillips, the fans have been able to take the bags off their heads and put the "S" back on the Aints. Now they want to see more. When they won three games in a row last year they got very excited, even though they had to wait out an eight week strike for the thrill of a three-game streak. Alas, the euphoria was followed by a four-game tumble and a 4-5 record. But Phillips is operating as if he knows exactly where he's going, so the faithful followers have a right to expect the kinks to get worked out.

Phillips bothered to draft only four players for his 1983 squad because he didn't figure any more could make the cut. After lobbying to keep the draft in April rather than move it up to February, Phillips traded his final four picks to the New England Patriots for a No. 4 choice in 1984. He had done the same thing in 1982 for the Washington Redskins' No. 4 in 1983. Then he converted that No. 4 to Buffalo's No. 3 in 1984.

"If I keep going, I may wind up with a No. 1 in 1986 for those four late picks," said Phillips.

While his colleagues made jokes about Phillips' card games and golf outings during the later rounds of the draft, Phillips did manage to convey the impression that he is confident in his personnel. Golf maybe, but this man is not fishing. In 1981 nine of 16 draft choices survived. Last year all ten picks made the squad. According to Phillips, the Saints signed three of the four players they would have drafted late in 1982 as free agents. One of them, cornerback Kevin Gray, made the team.

So when Phillips says, "I expect to win more than we lose this year, it's not a bad idea to listen. In New Orleans the place is all ears. Despite last year's losing streak—against Tampa Bay, Atlanta, Dallas, and Washington—the Saints improved in running and passing offense and running and passing defense, an unusual accomplishment for any team.

This year's improvement depends in part on the return of three players from injury—quarterback Dave Wilson, linebacker Glenn Redd, and wide receiver Eugene Goodlow. Wilson, a knee victim, was expected to push Archie Manning for the No. 1 quarterback job before Ken Stabler arrived. If he can push Stabler this year, he will have been worth the wait. Redd led the team in tackles as a rookie inside linebacker in 1981. He missed all of last season with a broken arm. If he can challenge Jim Kovach or Dennis Winston this year, the defense will be better for it. Goodlow is this year's addition from the Canadian Football League. He played only five games in the CFL last year before suffering a neck injury. In 1981, he led the league with 100 catches and

14 touchdowns for Winnipeg. If he proves as valuable as former CFL defensive end Bruce Clark, he could make Bum change his name to Hero.

"The players that we have here now are good enough to win with. We have reached the point where we don't need to find a kid in the draft who can come right in and start as a rookie. We have good starters and some depth," said Phillips, certainly not afraid of the proverbial limb.

The positive aspect about the return of Wilson is that his presence no longer seems so vital. After starting four games as a rookie in 1981, the Saints were privately hoping he would beat out Manning for the job in 1982. For the good of the Saints' future, he needed to beat out Manning, a legend whose time has gone. But a knee injury in the preseason tossed Phillips' plans into the junk pile, from where Ken Stabler emerged.

Signed as strictly emergency aid, Stabler became a full-time doctor, nearly curing the Saints' ills by himself. At age 37, the Snake had a remarkable year, completing 60 percent of his passes and demonstrating without doubt that he can still do it when an offense needs to be moved. After missing the Redskins' loss with elbow and wrist injuries, the left-hander returned for the season finale against Atlanta and hit 24 of 35 passes for 271 yards and a touchdown.

"He's about as confident as any guy I've ever seen on a football field," said Phillips.

When Stabler was hurt, Phillips was forced to use erstwhile wide receiver Guido Merkens at quarterback. Although a popular and capable underdog, Merkens cannot begin to give the Saints what Wilson can. If injuries sideline Stabler this year, Wilson should be ready to step in quickly. If Wilson beats out Stabler, how can Phillips complain?

Quarterback was not the only position plagued by injury last year in New Orleans. And if injuries occur in cycles, maybe 1983 is the Saints' year to enjoy good health. Running back George Rogers, the cornerstone of Phillips' rebuilding program, missed three of the nine games with hamstring and shoulder injuries, including the Redskins' loss when Phillips lined up with Merkens, Hoke Gajan, and Wayne Wilson in his backfield.

Rogers was well enough to gain 535 yards, including the best day in the league—166 yards against Dallas. But as he enters his third season, durability will soon become the most important facet of his contribution. He must stay in shape to absorb the pounding and prove he is not a flash in the pan. He reinjured a hamstring muscle last season in a practice challenge race with linebacker Ricky Jackson. The kind of extracurricular activity Phillips can do without. According to the Saints, Rogers has been among the team's most consistent offseason workers, an encouraging sign for the optimists.

In Rogers' absences last year, Wayne Wilson was adequate. In one victory against Chicago he was outstanding. He should be Rogers' running mate, although Gajan is a tough blocker and Toussaint Tyler also is returning from injury. Third-round draft choice Cliff Austin of Clemson, a halfback projected by some as a first-rounder, is expected to add talent as a pass-catcher and spot player, much as Jimmy Rogers has done in the past. Wilson



New Orleans QB Dave Wilson

and Rogers have been more prolific receivers than George Rogers, but George vows to improve in that department.

The Saints also have used the one-back two tight-end alignment and are prepared to continue its use. They drafted Maryland tight end John Tice on the pick before Austin. At 6-5, 242, Tice can be a bigger target than either Hoke Gajan or Larry Hardy, who aren't small. There remains a question about who among them can get deep.

Goodlow should help in the speed department. The 6-2, 190-pounder left Kansas State after his sophomore season to play in Canada without drawing nearly so much racket from the American Football Coaches Association as Herschel Walker did when he left Georgia. Phillips drafted Goodlow when he became eligible last year and signed him this year. If he is completely recovered from his neck injury—and he is supposed to be fully healed—he is expected to challenge Jeff Groth for a starting spot. Since Groth was the team's leading receiver last year and has been compared to Fred Biletnikoff, "only faster," by no less an authority than Stabler, the potential of Goodlow becomes apparent. "He may be better than anyone we have," says Phillips.

Both receivers will provide competition for last year's No. 1 draft choice, Lindsay Scott, who played well but didn't score. "Once he learns how to beat a defensive back and not just use his speed and jumping ability, he'll be a great one," says Phillips. Fast Aundra Thompson and big-play maker Kenny Ducketti are talented reserves.

For a couple of "ifs" on the offensive line pan out, the Saints could field the most solid offense in their history. Leon Gray, obtained for Manning, never regained his all-pro form. With a training camp head start, he should be ready this year. Gray's mere presence turned veteran Dave Laffey into a better left tackle and enabled Phillips to use another acquisition, Kelvin Clark, strictly as a guard. The guard position has been considerably strengthened by the addition of Arkansas' Steve Korte, a weightlifter without many peers among collegians. Second-year man Brad Edelman was outstanding as a rookie left guard last year and Louis Oubre wasn't bad at right guard. So a challenge by Korte, probably on the right side, can only result in good things. Veteran John Hill anchors the middle,

SAINTS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college
7	Anderson, Morten	K	6-2	190	23	2	Michigan St.
50	Bordelon, Ken	LB	6-4	226	29	7	LSU
85	Brenner, Hoby	TE	6-4	240	24	3	Southern Cal.
67	Brock, Stan	T	6-6	285	25	4	Colorado
75	Clark, Bruce	DE	6-3	250	25	2	Penn. St.
76	Clark, Kelvin	G	6-3	265	27	3	Nebraska
63	Duckett, Kenny	WR	6-0	187	24	2	Wake Forest
63	Edelman, Brad	G	6-6	255	23	2	Missouri
99	Elliott, Tony	DT	6-2	247	24	2	N. Texas St.
14	Endebern, Russell	P	6-4	219	26	4	Texas
46	Gajan, Hoke	FB	5-11	211	24	2	LSU
20	Gary, Russell	SS	5-11	195	24	3	Nebraska
33	Gray, Kevin	S	5-11	179	26	2	E. Illinois
72	Gray, Leon	T	6-3	268	32	11	Jackson St.
86	Groth, Jeff	WR	5-10	172	26	5	Bowling Green
87	Hardy, Larry	TE	6-3	230	27	5	Jackson St.
62	Hill, John	C	6-2	246	39	12	Lehigh
45	Holmes, Jack	FB	6-0	210	30	6	Texas So.
28	Hurley, Bill	SS	5-11	195	25	2	Syracuse
57	Jackson, Ricky	LB	6-2	230	25	3	Pittsburgh
52	Kovach, Jim	LB	6-2	225	27	5	Kentucky
21	Krimm, John	FS	6-2	190	23	2	Notre Dame
64	Laffey, Dave	T	6-7	275	28	7	Purdue
98	Lewis, Reggie	DE	6-2	248	29	2	San Diego St.
29	Lewis, Rodney	CB	5-11	190	24	2	Nebraska
84	Mauk, Rich	WR	6-0	190	29	6	Penn. St.
19	Merkens, Guido	QB	6-1	195	28	6	San Houston
74	Moore, Derland	OT	6-4	253	32	11	Oklahoma
37	Myers, Tommy	FS	6-0	180	33	11	Syracuse
55	Naime, Rob	LB	6-4	227	29	7	Oregon St.
66	Oubre, Louis	G	6-4	262	25	2	Oklahoma
51	Pau, Whitely	LB	6-3	220	28	8	Colorado
53	Pelluer, Scott	LB	6-2	215	24	3	Wash. St.
76	Pietrzak, Jim	C	6-5	260	30	9	E. Michigan
25	Poe, Johnnie	CB	6-1	185	24	3	Missouri
58	Redd, Glen	LB	6-1	225	25	2	Brightman Young
38	Rogers, George	RB	6-2	229	25	3	So. Carolina
41	Rogers, Jimmy	RB	5-10	190	28	4	Oklahoma
80	Scott, Lindsay	WR	6-1	190	23	2	Georgia
54	Simonini, Ed	LB	6-0	206	28	8	Texas A&M
79	Slaughter, Chuck	T	6-5	260	25	2	So. Carolina
16	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-3	210	33	14	Alabama
89	Thompson, Aundra	WR	6-1	186	30	7	E. Texas St.
42	Tyler, Toussaint	FB	6-2	220	24	3	Washington
73	Warren, Frank	DE	6-4	275	24	3	Auburn
49	Waltz, Frank	FS	6-0	185	25	3	Kansas
44	Waymer, Dave	CB	6-1	185	25	4	Notre Dame
94	Wilks, Jim	DE	6-5	252	25	3	San Diego St.
18	Wilson, Dave	QB	6-3	210	24	2	Illinois
30	Wilson, Wayne	FB	6-3	208	25	5	Shepherd
56	Winston, Dennis	LB	6-0	228	28	7	Arkansas

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	college
2	Korte, Steve	OG	6-3	263	22	Arkansas
3	Tice, John	TE	6-5	240	22	Maryland
3	Austin, Cliff	RB	6-2	210	23	Clemson
4	Lewis, Gary	NT	6-2	241	23	Oklahoma St.
6	Greenwood, David	DB	6-3	208	22	Wisconsin

in front of snapper Jim Pietrzak. Right tackle belongs to Stan Brock, a No. 1 draft choice in 1980 who gets better every year.

Phillips' defense (that's son Wade Phillips defense) is more proven than the offense. It finished fifth in the league last year, tenth against the rush, eighth against the pass. With Clark leading the team in sacks from the left side of the 3-4, the Saints improved from an average of 1.7 sacks a game to 3.6. Nose tackle Derland Moore enjoyed his best season. He'll be helped in 1983 by the addition of Oklahoma States Gary Lewis, who was the best pass-rushing nose tackle in college according to some scouts. Third-year ends Jim Wicks and Frank Warren improved last year, and second-year end Reggie Lewis was used in four-man rushing situations.

With linebacker Rickey Jackson lined up behind Clark, the left side of the defense is not a favorite hangout of offenses. Rob Narne starts ahead of Ken Borelson on the other side, flanking Kovach and Winston, who will be joined by Redd. In passing situations, Whitney Paul replaces the middle men.

The defensive backfield is young and improving. Cornerbacks Dave Waymer and Johnnie Poe are the starters, but Poe faces challenges from second-year players Kevin Gray and Rodney Lewis. Russell Gary is a hard-hitting strong safety capably backed by Bill Hurley, who covers well enough to join Paul in passing situations as the nickel back. Free safety Frank Waltelet tied Kovach for the team lead in tackles. He is backed by another second-year man, John Krimm.

On special teams, Austin could provide help on kickoff returns, where the Saints

already ranked third in the league with Wayne Wilson and Aundra Thompson. Guido Merkins might rejoin Groth in the punt-return department if he isn't playing quarterback. Russell Erxleben has settled into a role of reliable punter, not to mention an outspoken player representative. Place-kicker Morten Andersen began his career by tearing ligaments in his ankle on the opening kickoff of the season. Such has been the fate of many a Saint, but Andersen came back and the Saints are expected to keep coming in 1983.

LOS ANGELES RAMS

In keeping with the Rams' recent tradition of "Up For Grabs" organization, the following events have occurred since last season's 2-7 debacle. Georgia Frontiere fired coach Ray Malavasi and hired executive vice president Ray Nagel. Mrs. Frontiere hired coach John Robinson, who traded the team's leading scorer, runner, and receiver (Wendell Tyler) traded the team's leading sacker (Mike Fanning), drafted Eric Dickerson, and junked the 4-3 defense in favor of the 3-4.

Curiously, the upheaval has had a calming effect around Anaheim and suburbs. Actually it isn't very curious at all in the land where up is often confused with down. The atmosphere around the clubhouse is even downright optimistic and enthusiastic. The hiring of the popular Robinson was greeted with special feeling. There were even rumblings and mumblings that Mrs. Frontiere was acting like she knew what she was doing. Maybe the whole positive aura stems from one fact: there is no quarterback controversy. For once they are leaving Vince Ferragamo alone.

The prevailing question now is whether Robinson can pull off this major juggling act without retreating into a full-scale rebuilding program. Even the laid-back Southern Californians wouldn't appear to have the patience for another five-year plan. Besides, the Rams still have all of that talent on their roster, don't they? They always do.

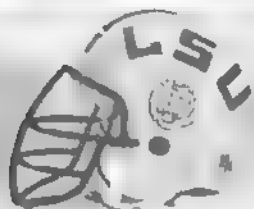
It helps that Robinson's reputation was nurtured right in the Rams' back yard. He is one of their own, and his credentials are high. As coach at Southern Cal he compiled a winning percentage of .819 in seven years before resigning in 1982. He served as senior vice president of university relations for 79 days before accepting Mrs. Frontiere's offer.

The announcement came on Valentine's Day, of course. You can take the owner out of Hollywood, but you can't take Hollywood out of the owner. "He's the best coach I ever heard of," said Mrs. Frontiere. Robinson received congratulations and good wishes from everyone, including Malavasi's wife, Mary, who fumed after her husband's dismissal. "I hope the next guy here has a better life, but, frankly, I doubt it."

Malavasi got the news via telephone from Mrs. Frontiere after the coach who took the team to the Super Bowl in 1980 had waited in his office all day. "That's par for the course," said Mrs. Malavasi. "He's a class man—the only one there who's got class. I don't think he'd have lived through another year like this. He's the only one who had any brains around there. All he was was the coach. Nobody had any authority."

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appeared to have missing links after Nagels arrival, Robinson wasted little time establishing some priorities of his own. It is doubtful that Wendell Tyler was traded without Robinson's nod of approval. The goal was Dickerson, a "franchise back" from Southern Methodist who could become the West Coast's answer to John Riggins in a one-back formation, provided he can agree with Mrs. Frontiere on a contract.

Whatever Robinson has in mind or his offense had better be potent, because the defense must carry the defense until the latter can regain its balance. A once proud and mighty unit, the Rams' defense collapsed like a ton of toothpicks last year. No team gave up more points. Ferragamo passed for 509 yards against the Bears and lost the game, 34-26. The Rams blew leads of 23-0 to the Packers, 14-0 to the Falcons and Raiders, and 21-0 to the Broncos. After finishing eighth in overall defense in 1981, the Rams plummeted to 27th in 1982. Second against the pass in 1981, they fell to 24th.

In response to this emergency, the first two draft choices were Dickerson and wide receiver Henry Ellard of Fresno State. So while the offense must be potent, the new 3-4 defense better come up with some miracles of its own.

Ferragamo finally established himself as the No. 1 quarterback after replacing Bert Jones in game five of the short season. He completed 118 of 209 passes for 1,609 yards, nine touchdowns, and nine interceptions—a better showing than Jones in his four starts. Even if Jones had not decided to end his career after undergoing surgery to fuse two

vertebrae, Ferragamo would have been in the driver's seat. Few passers throw the long ball as accurately and effortlessly as the six-year veteran. With Jones' departure, the Rams have a new problem: not enough quarterbacks instead of too many. Ferragamo's only returning backup is young Jeff Kemp, who didn't throw a pass last year. Washington State's Clete Casper was drafted in round 12.

A lack of receivers also could pose a problem for the Ram passing attack. Tyler could catch as well as run, a combination of skills that Dickerson has not yet proven he has. Tyler was the leading rusher and receiver on a team that ranked sixth in the league in total offense. Despite his penchant for fumbling, he was a talent not easily discarded especially to division rival San Francisco.

But his exit underscores Robinson's faith in his new plans. He does not fear Tyler returning to haunt him. "The stronger you are, the less you are interested in the opposition. The good football teams don't pay attention to the guys on the other side," said Robinson.

Like most coaches, Robinson is interested in the one-back, two tight end alignment. He even wants last year's starting fullback, Mike Guman, to switch to tight end to complement Mike Barber. The offense appealed to Robinson even before the arrival of Dickerson. It is why the Rams strongly considered drafting Notre Dame tight end Tony Hunter before they traded up to land Dickerson.

The 6-3, 218-pound Dickerson comes with all-star credentials. Among his 17 rushing touchdowns as a senior were runs of 80, 80, 79, 70, 63, and 62 yards. That's at 6-3, 218. Who cares if he wears glasses?

"He will be a great player, but it would be a mistake to think he is going to be one right away," cautioned Robinson. "We know he can run outside, but I've been impressed especially by his ability to run inside. He makes you miss inside in a very narrow area, and when you miss, he's gone. He breaks long runs at a phenomenal rate. He's as fast as O.J. Simpson and 15 pounds bigger."

If Guman makes the transition to tight end, Jewell Thomas and Barry Redden are left to complement Dickerson either as fullbacks or part-time halfbacks. Barber caught 18 passes as the No. 1 tight end last year and should fit in well in a two tight-end system because of his blocking and running skills. Ron Battle and Kerry Locklin are the only other tight ends on the roster.

Ellard could win a starting job as wide receiver opposite Preston Dennard. Although he underwent surgery for a shoulder separation suffered in the season finale, the 5-11, 170-pounder is quick and highly regarded by Robinson. "He's the man we wanted. He's an outstanding athlete. We thought he could be as high as a middle first-round pick. He can catch medium-range passes. He's not just built for speed," said Robinson.

The need to complement Dennard is increased by the departure of last year's starter, 34-year-old Willie Miller. Ellard's primary competition is expected to come from George Farmer, a second-year man. Drew Hill is a possibility. Dennard has been the team's leading wide receiver for three of the past four seasons, although Farmer was the most impressive receiver during the last two games last year. Farmer, who spent two years on



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njured reserve with knee problems, caught nine passes for 183 yards in Ferragamo's big day against Chicago. Two other rookies who could become factors are fifth-round choice Otis Grant of Michigan State and seventh-rounder Jeff Simmons of Southern Cal, who reminds Robinson of Bob Chandler.

Barring injury, line protection for Ferragamo should remain in the Ram tradition good. Tackles Jackie Slater and Irv Pankey, guards Dennis Harrah and Kent Hill, and center Doug Smith permitted only three sacks in the last three games. No team can finish sixth in total offense in the league without effective blocking. Backup help at tackle is especially untested. Second-year man Wally Kersten and first-year players Bob Speight and Rich Burtress are the only safeguards. Veteran guard Russ Bolinger was acquired from Detroit to challenge Harrah and Hill, both recent Pro Bowl participants. First-year guard Joe Shearin, who spent his rookie season on injured reserve, also figures, as does veteran reserve Bill Bain. Smith proved an adequate replacement for perennial all-pro center Rich Saul. Again, depth is untested in young George Liza and Bill Bechtold. Two Boston College prospects, tackle Gary Kowalski and center Jack Belcher, were drafted to join the scramble for backup spots.

Although the Rams' defensive line has not been very fearsome for some time, it won't even be a foursome under Robinson. The popular 3-4 has arrived, much to the concern of Jack Youngblood, who hopes he can make the transition. At 33, the future Hall of Famer has spent all his career in the 4-3, so he is wary of new tricks. Not to worry, insists Robinson, who says, "Youngblood could play in a 1-1-1-1-1."

At left end, Youngblood remains the constant in the middle of change. Leading sacker Mike Fanning was shipped off to Detroit, and veteran Cody Jones went to San Francisco.

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PASSING—Ferragamo, 118 of 209 attempts for 1,609 yards and 9 TDs. 6th
RECEIVING—Tyler, 38 receptions for 375 yards, 9.9 avg., 4 TDs. 4th
INTERCEPTIONS—Perry, 3 for 57 yards, 19.0 avg. 11th
PUNTING—Misko, 45 punts, 43.6 avg., longest 59 yards. 2nd
PUNT RETURNS—Irvin, 22 for 242 yards, 11.0 avg., 1 TD. 2nd
KICKOFF RETURNS—Redden, 22 for 502 yards, 22.8 avg. 15th

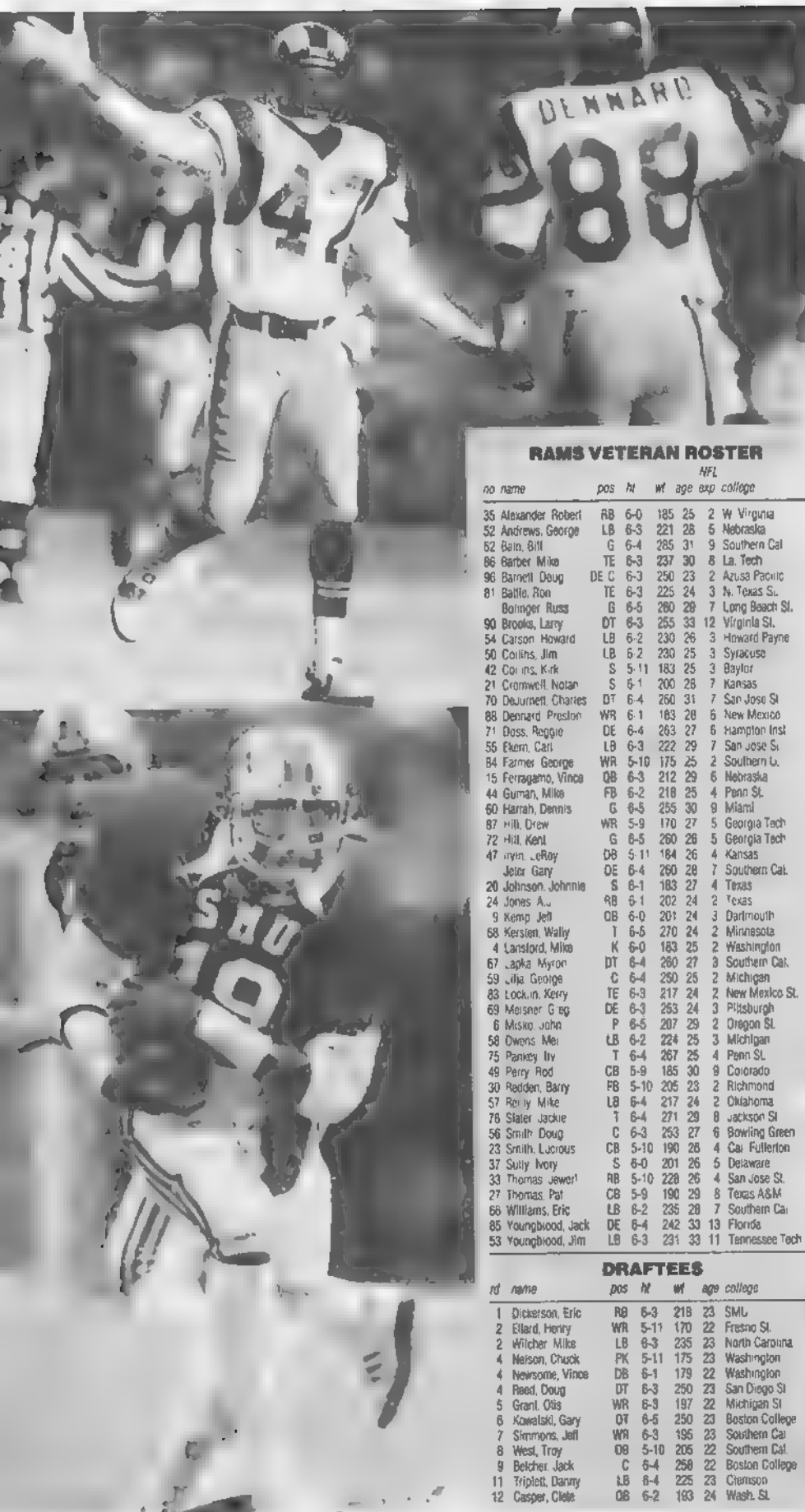
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1982 SCORES

September 4	At New York Giants	—
11	NEW ORLEANS	—
18	Green Bay (at Milwaukee)	23-35
25	At New York Jets	—
October 2	DETROIT	14-19
9	At San Francisco	21-20
16	ATLANTA	—
23	SAN FRANCISCO	24-30
30	At Miami	—
November 6	CHICAGO	26-34
14	At Atlanta (N)	17-34
20	WASHINGTON	—
27	BUFFALO	—
December 4	At Philadelphia	—
11	NEW ENGLAND	—
18	At New Orleans	—

Quarterback Vince Ferragamo is No. 1 on the Los Angeles Rams.



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54	Carson, Howard	LB	6-2	230	26	3	Howard Payne
50	Collins, Jim	LB	6-2	230	25	3	Syracuse
42	Colins, Kirk	S	5-11	183	25	3	Baylor
21	Cromwell, Nolan	S	6-1	200	28	7	Kansas
70	DeJurnett, Charles	DT	6-4	260	31	7	San Jose St.
88	Dennard, Preston	WR	6-1	183	28	6	New Mexico
71	Doss, Reggie	DE	6-4	263	27	6	Hampton Inst.
55	Ekers, Carl	LB	6-3	222	29	7	San Jose St.
84	Farmer, George	WR	5-10	175	25	2	Southern U.
15	Ferragamo, Vince	QB	6-3	212	29	6	Nebraska
44	Guman, Mike	FB	6-2	218	25	4	Penn. St.
60	Harrah, Dennis	G	6-5	255	30	9	Miami
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4	Lansford, Mike	K	6-0	183	25	2	Washington
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83	Lockin, Kerry	TE	6-3	217	24	2	New Mexico St.
69	Meisner, Greg	DE	6-3	263	24	3	Pittsburgh
6	Misko, John	P	6-5	207	29	2	Oregon St.
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75	Pankay, Irv	T	6-4	267	25	4	Penn. St.
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30	Redden, Barry	FB	5-10	205	23	2	Richmond
57	Reilly, Mike	LB	6-4	217	24	2	Oklahoma
76	Slater, Jackie	T	6-4	271	29	8	Jackson St.
56	Smith, Doug	C	6-3	253	27	6	Bowling Green
23	Smith, Lucious	CB	5-10	190	28	4	Cal. Fullerton
37	Sully, Ivory	S	6-0	201	26	5	Delaware
33	Thomas, Jewel	RB	5-10	228	26	4	San Jose St.
27	Thomas, Pat	CB	5-9	190	29	8	Texas A&M
66	Williams, Eric	LB	6-2	235	28	7	Southern Cal.
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	242	33	13	Florida
53	Youngblood, Jim	LB	6-3	231	33	11	Tennessee Tech

DRAFTIES

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1	Dickerson, Eric	RB	6-3	218	23	SMU
2	Ellard, Henry	WR	5-11	170	22	Fresno St.
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8	West, Troy	DB	5-10	205	22	Southern Cal.
9	Belcher, Jack	C	6-4	258	22	Boston College
11	Triplett, Danny	LB	6-4	225	23	Clemson
12	Casper, Clete	DB	6-2	193	24	Wash. St.

with Tyler because there was no room for tackles in the 3-4. Instead, the nose-tackle spot apparently belongs to third-year man Greg Meisner, who is coming off knee surgery but has little competition unless veterans Charles DeJurnett and Myron Lapka come on strong. At right end Gary Jeter was acquired from the New York Giants and is expected to beat out Reggie Doss, although that is not Doss' idea. The Rams spent a No. 3 and No. 6 draft choice on Jeter, a former Southern Cal standout who can play but never fulfilled expectations of stardom in New York. Now rejoined with his old USC coaches, including defensive mentor Marv Goux, Jeter hopes to find new life. Fourth-round draftee Doug Reed of San Diego State also will compete.

At linebacker the Rams added another face to a group decimated by injury last season. He is North Carolina's Mike Wilcher, drafted after Ellard in the second round. The 6-3, 235-pounder who replaced Lawrence Taylor for the Tar Heels isn't expected to contribute right away unless Robinson runs into the same injury jinx that beset Maavas last year. Wilcher will line up on the right outside behind George Andrews, the only starter who stayed healthy all last season.

Maavas would love to know how the new Rams plan on starting two middle linebackers at a time. Last year he was lucky to find one. By the finale, he was starting his fourth body of the season in the middle. Howard Carson, Carl Ekern, Jim Collins and Jim Youngblood all went down with injury. Robinson plans to leave former outside backer Youngblood inside with either Collins or Ekern. On the left side, former No. 1 draft choice Mel Owens and young Mike Reilly will fight it out.

Improved play up front is expected to improve the performance of the secondary once considered football's best. Without consistency from the front seven, cornerbacks Pat Thomas and Rod Perry and safeties Nolan Cromwell and Johnnie Johnson were just another bunch of chasers instead of the Pro Bow quality performers of recent years. LeRoy Irvin and Lucious Smith are the back-

Punt returner LeRoy Irvin with receiver Preston Dennard, No. 1 draftee Eric Dickerson (#19), and fullback Mike Guman of the Rams



ups for the corners, both of whom are approaching age 30. Irvin plays nickel back. Reserve safeties Ivory Sully and Kirk Collins are joined by fourth-round draft choice Vince Newsome of Washington.

Robinson expects major changes in the kicking game with the addition of another fourth-rounder, Washington place-kicker Chuck Nelson. The first kicker drafted, Nelson was the most accurate field-goal producer in NCAA Division I history. He made an incredible 81.9 percent of all field-goal attempts in his career. 59 of 72. Inside the 40 he was 46 of 52. And he was kicking off a half-inch tee so the adjustment to no tee should be half the problem. He will compete with former Washington teammate Mike Lansford. Punter John Misko's 43.6-yard average was second in the NFC, and LeRoy Irvin again proved to be one of the league's premier punt returners, with an 11 yard average. Barry Redden handles kick off returns.

ATLANTA FALCONS

Leeman Bennett's final game as head coach of the Atlanta Falcons was in the playoffs. The Falcons lost 30-24, to the Minnesota Vikings. This is how the Falcons scored their 24 points.

Linebacker Paul Davis blocked a punt and defensive end Doug Rogers fell on the loose ball in the end zone.

Holder Mike Moroski faked a placement for a field goal, ran to his right, and lateraled to place-kicker Mick Luckhurst, who got credit for a 17-yard touchdown run.

Safety Bob Glazebrook returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown.

Luckhurst kicked a 41-yard field goal

In the final three games under Bennett the Falcon offense managed to score only one touchdown. As if they wanted no part of these poststrike payoffs, the Falcons retreated into them on the heels of a 38-7 loss to Green Bay

1982 TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

SCORING—Luckhurst, 51 points on 10 field goals and 21 PATs. 12th
RUSHING—Andrews, 139 carries for 573 yards, 4.1 avg. 5th
PASSING—Barkowski, 166 of 282 attempts for 1,905 yards and 8 TDs. 5th
RECEIVING—Andrews, 42 receptions for 503 yards, 12.0 avg., 2 TDs. 3rd
INTERCEPTIONS—K. Johnson, 2 for 30 yards, 15.0 avg. 29th
PUNTING—Smigelsky, 26 punts, 38.5 avg., longest 54 yards. 12th
PUNT RETURNS—Johnson, 24 for 273 yards, 11.4 avg. 1st
KICKOFF RETURNS—Brown, 24 for 466 yards, 19.4 avg. 15th

PRESEASON

August 6 WASHINGTON (N)
13 At Denver (N)
20 At Tampa Bay (N)
28 BALTIMORE (N)

1982 SCHEDULE	1982 SCORES
September 4 At Chicago ...	—
11 NEW YORK GIANTS	14-16
18 At Detroit	—
25 At San Francisco	17-7
October 2 PHILADELPHIA ...	—
9 NEW ORLEANS ...	35-0
16 At LOS ANGELES RAMS	—
23 At New York Jets	—
30 NEW ENGLAND	—
November 6 At New Orleans	6-35
14 LOS ANGELES RAMS (N)	24-17
20 SAN FRANCISCO ...	—
27 GREEN BAY	7-38
December 4 At Washington	—
10 At Miami	—
18 BUFFALO	—

and a 35-6 loss to New Orleans. The collapse was quickly followed by two events: the selection of four Falcon offensive players to the Pro Bowl and the firing of Bennett. When an offense with so many alleged superstars cannot score, it puts tremendous pressure on the defense, especially if the defense is struggling in the first place.


Enter Dan Henning. The new head coach was hailed as one of the architects of Joe Gibbs' Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins offense. Surely he will be able to discover what ails Atlanta's offense. Henning got right to work. The first four players he drafted played defense.

Block those kicks! Intercept those passes! Fake those field goals! Cause those fumbles! Score, defense, score!

It's a team game, and nowhere is the old axiom more apparent than in Atlanta, where the defense and the offense take turns carrying each other. The result is inconsistency. From season to season, the Falcons cannot win with enough predictability to get them over the hump. Bennett was able to take the club to the brink, only to slide back the wrong side of the hill.

Henning's job will be to maintain the many positive accomplishments of the Bennett administration and, at the same time, to retool both offense and defense to his own specifications. Tough job. A new coach is more readily accepted when the previous one consistently lost. For one thing, neither players nor media quest on the changes. The Falcons were not all bad, which might not be all good.

Henning called the Atlanta job the best one available in the NFL. He researched that



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statement before he made it so it is more than gratuitous. As a Super Bowl coach he was in a position of some leverage, so his choice was not one of desperation. Neither is his opinion surprising to football people who respect front office men Eddie LeBaron and Tom Braatz. In short, the Falcons are long on possibilities, especially if Henning can coax some long passes out of Steve Bartkowski.

Once the king of the bomb, Bartkowski ticked off the Falcon faithful last year by bombing out. The Bartkowski to Alfred Jenkins threat, responsible for 13 touchdown passes in 1981, connected only once in 1982. Not even the most biased Atlanta fan could blame the strike for this strikeout. Bartkowski failed to complete a designed bomb all year.

Henning will make changes in offensive philosophy and in defensive alignment. But the key to any coach's style in the substance at quarterback Bartkowski, no longer the maturing kid adjusting to new teammates must come through in a big way. His completion percentage of 63.4 was his best in nine years. But he threw more interceptions than touchdown passes for the first time since 1979, a bad habit to regain. Braatz said Bartkowski "looked afraid" for much of the season, hardly the quality most admired in successful quarterbacks. Bartkowski's relative immobility has made him an inviting target for pass rushers, even with three Pro Bowl line-men blocking for him.

In his first minicamp Henning experimented some on roll-out passes for Bartkowski because roll-outs by Joe Theismann and other mobile passers have become more popular of late. But if the Falcons have to

depend on roll-outs by Bartkowski, they might as well roll over. In that final playoff game, Bennett considered benching Bartkowski in favor of Mike Moroski, while Bartkowski was turning in a 9 of 23 performance. Moroski and Jeff Komlo are the backups on an offense that remains virtually intact in personnel.

The Falcons added only three offensive players in the draft and one of them, wide receiver Anthony Allen, chose the USFL. The twelfth round choice, tight end Allama Mathews of Vanderbilt, could fit into another possible alteration by Henning. The two tight-end offense Henning liked it enough with the Redskins to experiment with it at his minicamp. Junior Miller and Russ Mikeska were joined by Mathews and backup fullback Bo Robinson, who may find himself a tight end come September. Second-year man Clay Brown also figures in these plans.

Henning's dilemma of course is trying to justify using only one running back on a team employing William Andrews and Gerald Riggs. For Bennett, it was hard enough figuring out how to play only two runners, since Lynn Cain wasn't doing anything to warrant a move to the bench.

Andrews remains simply the best all-around fullback in the league. Before the playoff surge of John Riggins, he had little competition. He catches passes better than Riggins and for the last two years he has caught for more yardage than any other back. Andrews ranked among the league's top 12 in

Linebacker Joel Williams (left) and quarterback Steve Bartkowski with back William Andrews of Atlanta

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82	Bailey, Stacey	WR	6-0	162	23	2		San Jose St
10	Barkowski, Steve	QB	6-4	213	31	9		California
99	Brown, Clay	TE	6-3	225	25	2		Brigham Young
46	Brown, Reggie	RB	5-11	211	23	2		Oregon
66	Bryant, Warren	T	6-6	270	28	7		Kentucky
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	170	24	3		Florida St
21	Cain, Lynn	RB	6-1	205	28	5		Southern Cal.
89	Curran, William	WR	5-10	175	24	2		UCLA
50	Curry, Buddy	LB	6-3	221	25	4		North Carolina
59	Davis, Paul	LB	6-1	215	25	3		North Carolina
34	Gaison, Blane	S	6-0	185	25	3		Hawai
36	Glazebrook, Bob	S	6-1	200	27	6		Fresno St
83	Hodge, Floyd	WR	6-0	195	24	2		Utah
84	Howell, Pat	G	6-5	253	26	5		Southern Cal.
85	Jackson, Alfred	WR	5-11	176	28	6		Texas
84	Jenkins, Alfred	WR	5-9	155	31	9		Morris Brown
81	Johnson, Billy	WR	5-9	170	31	9		Widener
37	Johnson, Kenny	CB	5-10	176	25	4		Miss. St.
20	Jones, Earl	CB	6-0	178	26	4		Norfolk St.
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-6	257	27	6		Michigan
14	Kornio, Jeff	QB	6-2	200	27	5		Delaware
54	Kuykendall, Fulton	LB	6-5	225	30	9		UCLA
51	Laughlin, Jim	LB	6-0	212	25	4		Ohio St
18	Luckhurst, Mick	K	6-0	180	25	3		California
75	Marrow, Jeff	DE	6-4	255	30	9		West Virginia
87	Mikeska, Russ	TE	6-3	225	28	5		Texas A&M
80	Miller, Junior	TE	6-4	235	26	4		Nebraska
15	Moroski, Mike	QB	6-4	200	26	5		Cal. Davis
53	Musser, Neal	LB	6-2	218	26	3		N.C. St.
71	Pento, Mike	DT	6-4	235	26	2		Utah St.
27	Pridemore, Tom	S	5-10	186	27	6		West Virginia
56	Richardson, Al	LB	6-2	206	28	4		Georgia Tech
42	Riggs, Gerald	RB	6-1	230	28	6		Arizona St.
12	Roberts, George	P	6-0	186	28	6		Virginia Tech
83	Robinson, Bo	RB	6-2	225	27	5		W. Texas St.
77	Rogers, Doug	DE	6-5	255	23	2		Stanford
67	Sanders, Eric	T	6-6	255	25	3		Nevada-Reno
70	Scott, Dave	G	6-4	265	30	8		Kansas
61	Scutty, John	C	6-5	255	25	3		Notre Dame
65	Smith, Don	DT	6-5	248	26	5		Miami
47	Spivey, Mike	CB	6-0	188	29	7		Colorado
25	Strong, Ray	RB	5-9	184	27	6		Nevada-Las Vegas
88	Thielmann, R.C.	G	6-4	247	28	7		Arkansas
57	Van Nite, Jeff	C	6-2	247	37	15		Kentucky
52	White, Lyman	LB	6-0	217	24	3		LSU
58	Williams, Joel	LB	6-0	215	27	5		Wis.-LaCrosse
79	Yeates, Jeff	DE	6-3	248	32	12		Boston College
63	Zeig, Mike	DT	6-3	236	27	5		Kent. St.

PLAYERS

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Pitts, Mike	DE	6-5	260	23	Alabama
2	Britt, James	DB	6-0	190	22	LSU
3	Provencher, Andrew	DE	6-3	250	23	South Carolina
4	Harper, John	LB	6-3	234	23	S. Illinois
5	Mittler, Brett	OT	6-7	275	22	Iowa
6	Allen, Anthony	WR	5-11	180	22	Washington
7	Turk, Jeff	DB	6-1	178	23	Boise St
8	Rade, John	LB	6-1	210	22	Boise St
10	Giacommaro, Ralph	P	6-1	194	22	Penn. St.
11	Sailey, John	DB	6-1	188	23	Wyoming
12	Mathews, Atlanta	TE	6-3	225	23	Vanderbilt

both rushing yardage and number of pass receptions last year. No one else did. His 86-yard touchdown catch was Atlanta's only touchdown play longer than 43 yards. He led the club in scoring with seven TDs.

Clearly, if Henning plans to play only one back, it better be Andrews. Yet where does that leave Riggs, last year's No. 1 draft choice? Riggs split time with Cain as a rookie and matched Andrews' five rushing TDs. He also is a good receiver, finishing fourth on the team in catches. It's no wonder Braatz flatly ruled out running backs in the draft. "We can't stand any more," he said.

The same can't be said of Bartkowski's receiving corps, where Miller has yet to fulfill his all-world promise and Jenkins may have lost some speed at age 30. Bartkowski split his passes almost evenly between the two Alfreds—Jenkins and Jackson—but each ended up with only one touchdown catch, not enough Miller had only one too. Second-year men Stacey Bailey and Floyd Hodge would like to create some competition at the wideouts. Henning won't mind. Competition is the cornerstone of his new approach.

Bartkowski has the advantage of operating behind one of the league's biggest and best lines—a fact which can create as much pressure as a defensive end. What other quarterback watched three of his five blockers play in the Pro Bowl? If that's the case, Steve, why

were you watching and not playing with them? Not only is the Falcon line blessed with size and talent, it has depth. One of the Pro Bowl players, veteran center Jeff Van Note, will likely share time this year with third-year man John Scully, who is bigger than Van Note and ready to challenge. Pro Bowl guard R.C. Thiemann on the right and Pat Howell on the left are joined by experienced backup Dave Scott, who used to start in place of Howell. Mike Kenn is the prototype Pro Bowler at left tackle, where so many teams have trouble keeping out the best pass rushers. Warren Bryant, as talented as any, will have trouble keeping his job at right tackle ahead of third-year man Eric Sanders. If Bryant gets off to his traditional slow start, Sanders could enjoy a fast finish.

As settled as the offensive line is, the defensive line is unsettled. Two of Henning's first four draft choices are defensive linemen—Alabama's Mike Pitts and South Carolina's Andrew Provence. They are expected to revamp the entire front. The Falcons' defenses have always been tilted toward stopping the run. Last year, however, they slipped from second to seventeenth in that category. They also improved from 25th to thirteenth in pass defense, but who needed to pass against them when they could run? Under coordinator

John Marshall, the Falcons hope to balance the defense better. Balance always starts with the front.

Pitts must adjust his stance because he never played in a three-point position at Alabama. But line coach Dan Sekanovich managed to teach the New York Jets' pass rushers a few things before joining Henning, so Pitts is not expected to be hindered in his development. Pitts will line up at left end, where veteran Jeff Yeates had only one sack last year and is beset with injuries. Provence is penciled in at nose tackle, where the Falcons currently station their best defensive lineman, Don Smith. If the weighty Provence proves he can handle the middle, Smith can move to right end. He was a No. 1 draft choice in 1979 at end and played there until midway through his second season. Even though he didn't particularly relish the switch to the middle (who does?), Smith continued to lead the line in sacks, a tribute to his skill as well as a commentary on the problem at end. The Falcons had 18 sacks last year, but seven came in one game. The incumbent right end, Jeff Merrow, is starting his ninth pro season. Doug Rogers, last year's No. 2 draft choice, still must prove he was worth it. If he does, Henning will have more flexibility in the use of four-man pass rushes.

Linebackers remain the key element in the Falcon defensive arsenal. The effective group was joined by fourth-round pick John Harper of Southern Illinois, a tough hitter and good pass rusher. He could push left outside backer Al Richardson, who has defied the odds on a shaky knee by missing only one start in three seasons. Fulton Kuykendall was voted most valuable Falcon last year, and with Buddy Curry beside him, few teams are stronger at inside linebacker. Curry missed the playoff game last season with a knee injury but is expected back at full strength. Backing up in the middle is Jim Laughlin, and returning at the starting right linebacker spot is Joel Williams, whose spectacular debut in 1980 was followed by an injury in 1981 and a return to earth in 1982.

Changes are expected in the defensive backfield, where the Falcons made cornerback James Britt of LSU their No. 2 draft choice. The nature of the changes remains unclear. At their first minicamp, Britt lined up at one of the safety spots instead of at cornerback. Which safety? According to the Falcons, there is no longer any difference between strong and weak safeties, or even between safeties and cornerbacks. They say they want to play the four best athletes. Bobby Butler is the best pure corner on the team. Right corner Kenny Johnson is more of a safety. Backup corner Earl Jones could find a niche in Henning's plans. Last year's safeties, Tom Priddy and Bob Glazebrook, are smart, hard hitters but short of speed.

Another "defensive" addition in the draft was Penn State punter Ralph Giacommato, who hopes he can stabilize a shaky situation last manned by George Roberts. Luckhurst had a good year place-kicking, except for his 0-3 efforts from 30-39 yards. Boy "White Shoes" Johnson proved he can still return punts by placing third in the league last year. He provides depth at wide receiver, too. Second-year man Reggie Brown is the incumbent kickoff-returner.

Don Smith, Atlanta's top lineman





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Record as Favorite 0-0 1-1
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Favorite vs Spread 0-0 0-0
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Last Year's Game—Sept. 30, 1978
Billy Sims rushed 14 times for 184 yards and four touchdowns in just three quarters to pace the Sooners to a 45-23 victory over Missouri. Sims ripped off scoring runs of 42 and 50 yards in the first quarter and dove into the end zone from one yard out in the second and third periods. Tiger QB Phil Bradley tallied from the one-yard line for

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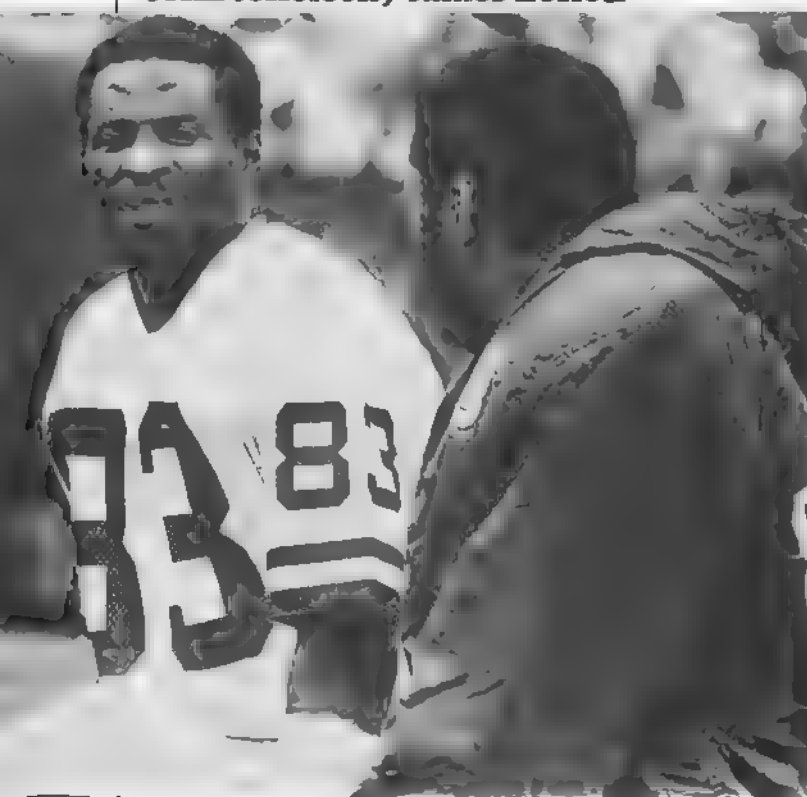
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Once, they were called simple "ends." They lined up next to everybody else, indistinguishable from the tackles in both appearance and performance. Now they are wide receivers, "wideouts" for short, "burners" for long. On the coaching blackboards they are "Xs" and "Zs" as if they were exotic sportscars. They are the superstars of the 1980s, insulated by the rules and isolated by instant replay.

Every team worth a fly pattern has not one but two of them. Three may soon become better than two. In a pinch, you can always try four. Speed is their trademark. You can't have too many good receivers and they can't have too much speed.

Green Bay's James Lofton and John Jefferson have been widely considered the best of these wide-receiver tandems. When "J.J.," the former San Diego superstar, joined Lofton in

John Jefferson / James Lofton



the same Packer huddle in 1981, they immediately caused double visions of grandeur. Hawaii's Pro Bowl year-around in Green Bay. Surely Pete Rozelle would have to object to this duo as a threat to league parity. Packer cornerbacks accused their own team of unfair labor practices. Two-a-days were tough enough without covering two-a-pattern.

Lofton contributed considerably to the aura by declaring himself the league's No. 1 receiver and rating Jefferson No. 2. Realizing the subjectivity of his remark, Lofton cheerfully allowed that Jefferson might think of it the other way around. Packer offensive coordinator Bob Schneider stays out of it by concentrating on the whole picture. "I feel Lofton and Jefferson are the best pair of receivers in the league."

But are they? The Packers were fourteenth in the NFL in passing last season, same as they were in 1981. As a pair, Lofton and Jefferson tied for seventh in the league in catches, sixth in 1981. In yardage, Lofton and Jefferson were second among wide-receiver tandems in 1982, fifth in 1981. Last year, Jefferson failed to catch a single touchdown pass during the nine-game regular season. He wondered about that and mentioned it to his coaches and to reporters. After a loss to Detroit in the season finale, Jefferson suggested that the Packer attack concentrate on spreading the ball around. "I don't mean just throw it to me, because then we have the same problem," Jefferson said.

The Packers agreed. In a 41-16 romp over St. Louis in the first playoff game, Jefferson caught six balls for 148 yards and two touchdowns. Lofton caught three for 52 and one touchdown. In their playoff loss the following week to Dallas, however, the Packers got the ball to Jefferson only twice for 40 yards.

Schneider said it took him a year as offensive coordinator to discover how best to utilize Jefferson. In San Diego, J.J.'s reputation was built on acrobatic over-the-middle catches off patterns that exploited his ability to get open.

"We want to make the best use of his talents," said Packer coach Bart Starr. "We think we can do that better this year with a full, uninterrupted season. I think it was just circumstantial that he didn't catch any touchdown passes last year."

So until further notice, Lofton and Jefferson are just two in a crowd of tandems. As every team tries to double and triple its passing pleasures, no single duo or trio can claim uncontested superiority.

San Diego's Wes Chandler and Charlie Joiner can argue for first place in 1982, after finishing No. 1 in both catches (85) and yards (1,577). Add tight end Keenan Winslow to the group and all arguments tend to cease. Yet the Chargers cannot do their arguing from a Super Bowl platform.

San Francisco's Dwight Clark and Freddie Solomon were No. 1 in 1981. So were the 49ers. Washington's Art Monk and Charlie Brown tied for fifth in 1982. When Monk got hurt, he was replaced by Alvin Garrett, who led the Super Bowl champion receivers throughout the playoffs after catching only one pass during the regular season. So while you decide whether Monk and Brown are more effective than Jefferson and Lofton, don't ignore Brown and Garrett.

If number of catches is the primary criterion for judging wide-receiving tandems, Jefferson and Lofton finished not only behind Chandler and Joiner and Monk and Brown, but behind Cincinnati's Cris Collinsworth and Isaac Curtis, Philadelphia's Harold Carmichael and Charlie Smith, St. Louis' Pat Tilley and Roy Green, and Kansas City's Henry Marshall and Carlos Carson. They were tied with Denver's Steve Watson and Rick Upchurch. In Lofton and Jefferson's first year together, they finished behind Clark and Solomon, Buffalo's

Frank Lewis and Jerry Butler, Minnesota's Sammy White and Ahmad Rashad, Joiner and Chandler, and Seattle's Steve Largent and Sam McCullum

Number of catches isn't the only criterion, however

"There are so many factors in a good tandem that it's hard to know where to start or where to end [in] discussing them," said Starr, who is hardly ready to discuss trading his tandem for any other

In Lofton, the Packers have the most complete receiver in football, a rare combination of speed, size, and ability that could create a dangerous tandem out of anyone who happened to line up with him. Keep him from catching a pass downfield and he will run a reverse 80 yards for a touchdown. In Jefferson, they have an athlete with astonishing talent for getting open and coming up with the ball, although he sometimes outguesses quarterback Lynn Dickey and turns the wrong way on a pattern. He did it against Dallas in the playoff

To underscore the trend to more and better and faster receivers, however, Jefferson and Lofton aren't even the fastest tandem on Green Bay's roster. That distinction goes to backup Phillip Epps and draftee Mike Miller, two of the world's fastest humans. As a trackman at Tennessee, Miller ran the fastest 200 meters in the world in 1982. As a trackman at Texas Christian, Epps ran the second-fastest 200 the same year

In the history of receiving twosomes, Lofton and Jefferson are still a long way from Max McGee and Boyd Dowler on the Green Bay list. Starr hoped to make that pair famous. And the quarterbacks cannot be ignored in assessing receiving tandems.

"You've got to have the quarterback, the running game, a sound defense to get you the ball. Just so many things," said Starr. "With few exceptions, players who dominate are on teams that are succeeding. The two go hand-in-hand."

In many cases, receivers go two-by-two. If a team has one good receiver, it usually has two

When Green Bay's Don Hutson, football's first great receiver, lined up for his first play in 1935, Johnny Blood was flanked to the other side. Quarterback Arnie Herber faked to Blood and threw an 83-yard touchdown pass to Hutson. That was the first of 99 touchdown catches in a career that defied the era. Hutson was the team's single featured receiver, but Carl Mulleneaux played well enough opposite him to earn entry into the Packer Hall of Fame.

Washington's Charley Taylor, who caught more passes than anyone else in history, played on teams with Bobby Mitchell, the tenth-leading receiver of all-time. The Jets' Don Maynard, the No. 2 receiver in football records, had George Sauer on the other side. Sauer is the second-leading Jets receiver of all-time. Baltimore's Raymond Berry, the No. 3 receiver ever, had Lenny Moore, the second-leading Colt. The Raiders' Fred Biletnikoff, fourth on the all-time list, had Cliff Branch, No. 2 in Raider history

Consider the quarterbacks throwing to those twosomes. Taylor and Mitchell collaborated with Sonny Jurgensen. Maynard and Sauer had Joe Namath. Berry and Moore had Johnny Unitas. Biletnikoff and Branch had Ken Stabler.

Harold Jackson, the fifth-leading receiver of all time, and Harold Carmichael, No. 7, played together for two seasons in Philadelphia without drawing raves as one of the greatest tandems in history. The Eagles' quarterbacks those two years were Pete Liske and John Reaves. Jefferson and Lofton must depend on Dickey, who must depend on Green Bay's blockers for protection

A team's success is the ultimate yardstick of individual accomplishment, or, in this case, of dual accomplishment. In

that vein, two of the greatest receiving tandems in history had to be two of the first—Elroy Hirsch and Tom Fears of the Los Angeles Rams and Dante Lavell and Mac Speedie of the Cleveland Browns. The two teams played each other three times for the NFL title in the 1950s. Between them, they participated in every title game from 1949-55. Their game in 1950 was a classic confrontation that ushered in the modern era of passing offenses long before rules made it easier for linemen to protect quarterbacks and for receivers to get open

Hirsch is called the game's first true flanker, because he was first positioned outside by coach Clark Shaughnessy to lessen the risk of injury. Usually, so-called flanker backs started in the backfield and ran in motion to get outside. Hirsch started outside, forming a dangerous combination with Fears. But sometimes Hirsch was positioned as more of a tight end, with Vitamin Smith flanked wide opposite Fears. The original pass receiving tandems became trios at practically the same time

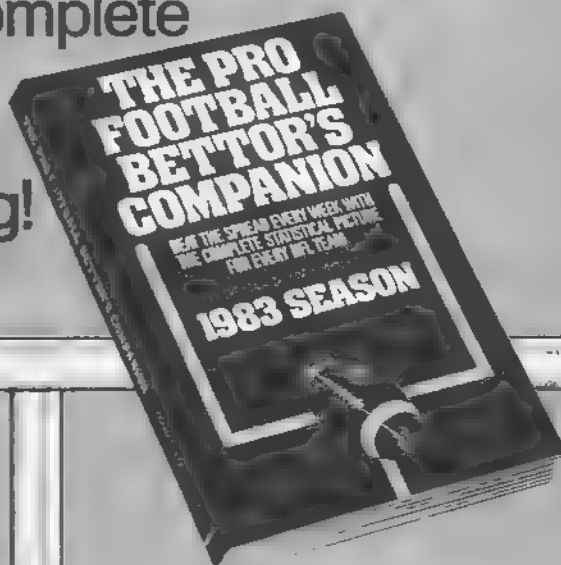
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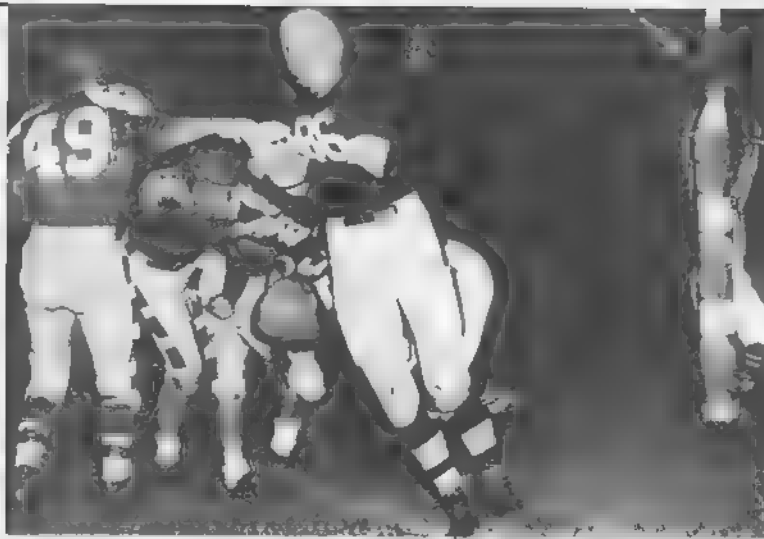
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Elroy Hirsch / Tom Fears



Dub Jones / Mac Speedie

Hirsch's 1951 season remains unmatched. He caught 66 passes for 1,495 yards and 17 touchdowns in only 12 games. His average per touchdown catch was an incredible 48 yards. The bomb was born. Defenses were unable to contain Hirsch for fear of Fears. Rams' observers insist Fears caught more third-down passes and more passes in the final five minutes of games than any other receiver in history.

The Browns, terrors of the All-America Football Conference, had been lining up with three receivers since 1946. Lavelli and Speedie were the ends and Dub Jones became the flanker. Often, Jones started in the backfield. But coach Paul Brown thinks Jones predated Hirsch as the game's first true flanker.

"It makes me chuckle to hear these commentators today talk about three wide receivers as something new," said Brown. "When we played the Eagles in 1950, they were the defending champions and we threw 25 and 30 times. Greasy Neale said I should have been a basketball coach with all those passes and draws and screens to control the pass rush."

Speedie was the Browns' weak-side end. Lavelli was almost a tight end, but split away from the tackle at times. Jones was the flanker back. Otto Graham made it all work, much as Bob Waterfield and Norm Van Brock in made the Rams' combinations work.

According to most history books, spread formations were not the inventions of anyone in pro football. Dutch Meyer used to string four receivers across the field at TCU in the 1930s, when tailbacks Sammy Baugh and Davey O'Brien were effective passers.

When the Browns and Rams weren't winning titles in the early fifties the Detroit Lions were. Cloyce Box, a converted

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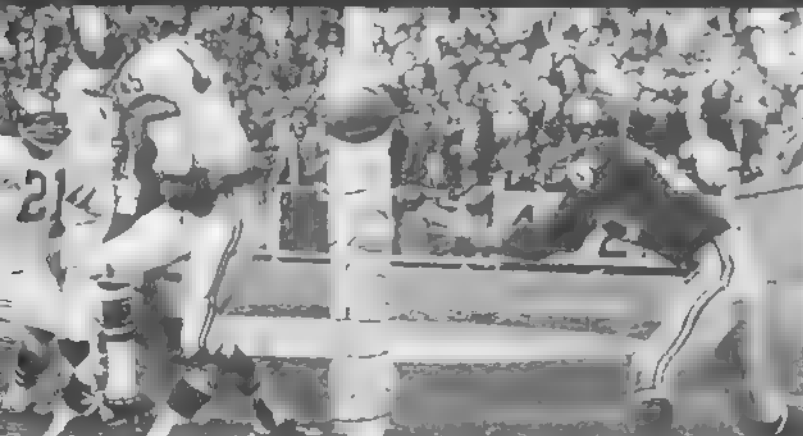
running back, was complemented by Jim Doran and Dorne Dibble. Leon Hart was the tight end. Doak Walker caught passes out of the backfield, but was not a flanker. Bobby Layne was the quarterback.

The New York Giants won with Frank Gifford and Kyle Rote and later with Gifford and Del Shofner. Since the early sixties, though, they might as well have lined up Gifford and Cosell.

Baltimore dominated with Unitas throwing to Berry and Moore. Dowler and McGee and Dowler and Dale were Green Bay's duos in the glory years.

By the early sixties, the American Football League made its debut with George Blanda throwing to Charley Hennigan and Bill Groman to bring a title to the Houston Oilers.

Frank Gifford / Del Shofner



Lance Alworth was part of two successful tandems in two leagues. With the San Diego Chargers he teamed with Gary Garrison. With the Dallas Cowboys he played in a Super Bowl opposite Bob Hayes. The Cowboys' Drew Pearson also has been a part of several successful tandems, which have included Hayes, Golden Richards, and Tony Hill.

Ahmad Rashad and Sammy White of the Minnesota Vikings formed one of the most consistently good pairs for six years. But the most successful tandem in recent history has to be Lynn Swann and John Stallworth of the Pittsburgh

Steelers. As rookies in 1974 they watched Frank Lewis and Ron Shanklin start in the Super Bowl, then helped the Steelers win three more Super Bowls in the seventies.

No dominant duo has emerged since Stallworth and Swann. Coinciding with the change in rules to encourage passing, the teams with the hottest tandems win. And no team has a chance without at least two good receivers. In San Diego, where Charlie Joiner teamed first with Jefferson and now with Chandler, the presence of Kellen Winslow has added a whole new dimension to passing strategy. Winslow is a tight end who can run like a wide receiver. He can line up wide, tight, or come out of the backfield. With a Winslow, the Chargers need only one running back. In effect, they have three wide receivers and one tight end.

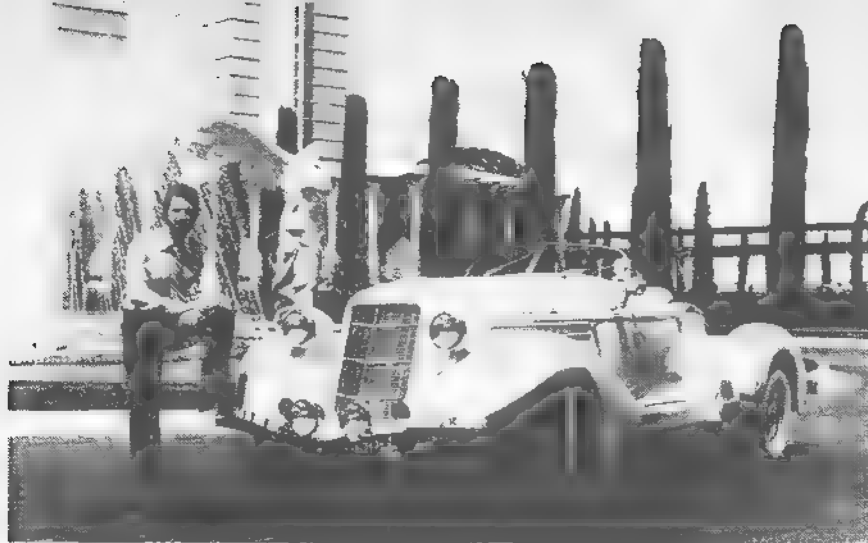
Teams unable to complement their primary receivers usually fall short. The Jets, for instance, have yet to turn Wesley Walker and Johnny Jones into a consistently effective combination. The Eagles have yet to find a bookend for Carmichael. The Rams line up with Preston Dennard and a friend. New England's Stanley Morgan needs help. When Cris Collinsworth joined Isaac Curtis, the Cincinnati Bengals ended up in the Super Bowl.

Jefferson and Lofton are just another pair in a crowd. They have the potential to be the best, provided the Packers can utilize their skills without alienating teammates or egos. That means they have to win. To do it, they have to get in line with everybody else.

"Two great wide receivers is the epitome of what you're trying to accomplish," says long-time coach Sid Gilman, who entered the Hall of Fame this year thanks largely to his ideas and execution of the passing game. "If you have one great guy, the defense can take him out of the game. Two and it's almost impossible."

John Stallworth / Lynn Swann





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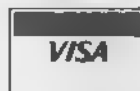
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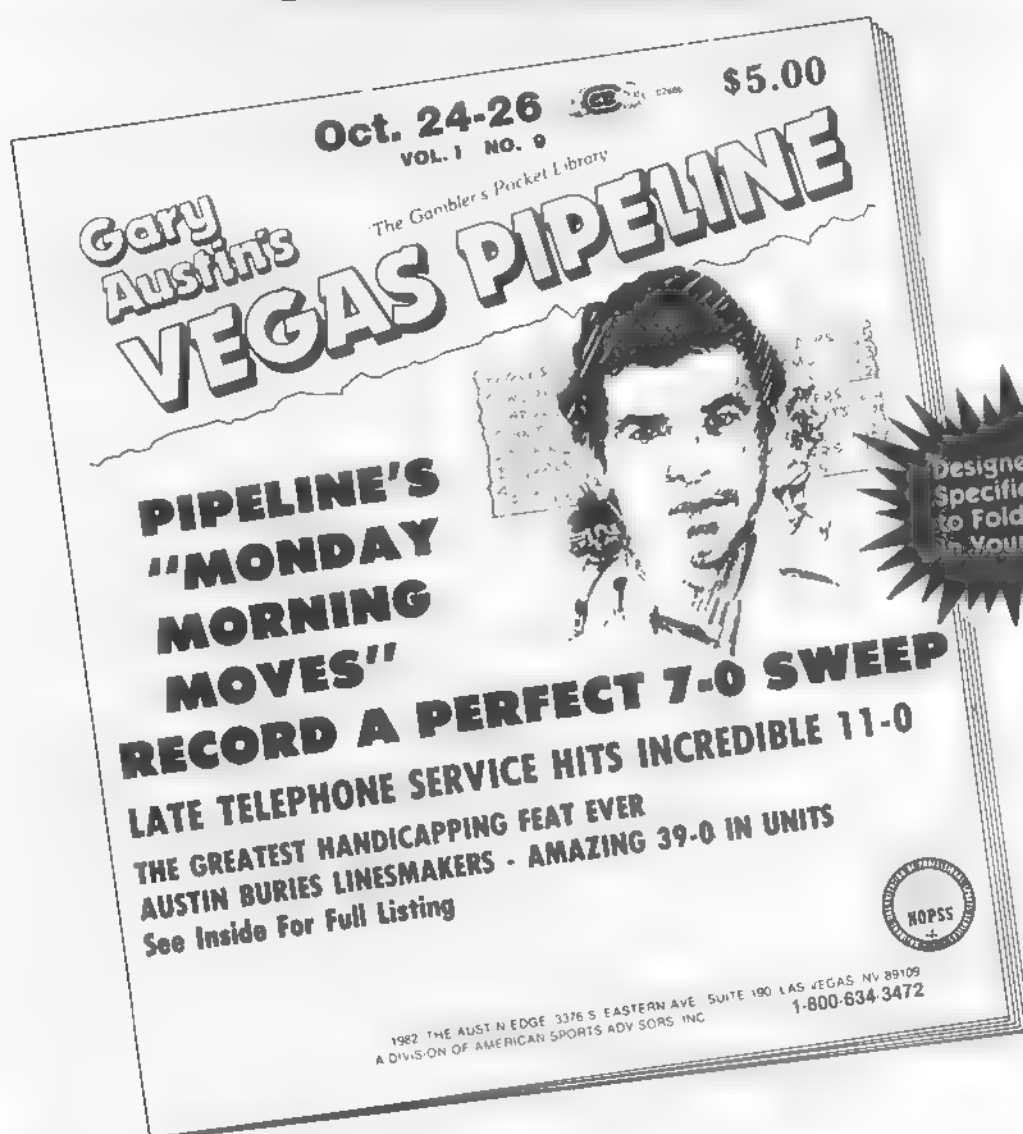


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WILL THE USFL MAKE IT?

The bells will toll for the United States Football League in 1984 and a suitable lyric for the chimes would be:
*Get the money up, lads,
Say yessir to the assessor*

It will take a great deal of money to pull the league through its second season and into a third. Just how much money will be determined by the season-ticket renewals, since attendance sagged through the second half of the inaugural season of curiosity, there is little reason to be optimistic about renewals or new customers.

Because 1984 is the second and last year of the ABC television contract, the charter oak of this enterprise, the season will be telling on the USFL, an organization created in large part to supply television programming for both ABC and ESPN, the cable network.

The league does have many rooters, although they may not all be customers. The USFL brought new people, chiefly players, into pro football and provided many opportunities for old ones from the National Football League. There was a lot of fun in the first season of surprises and new vistas. Operations were well-conceived and organized. Apart from terrible weekend weather in March, April, and May, nothing went abysmally wrong. The players certainly performed. So did the coaches. The standard of football was remarkably high and certainly comparable to the 63-year-old NFL.

In mid-April, when the 18-game season was six weeks old, Keith Moody of the New Jersey Generals offered an opinion. Moody, a 29-year-old free safety who had played five seasons in the NFL, said: "I never expected in this league to see multiple offenses right from the start. I mean double tight end, double wing, triple wing, motion every which way—the works. And it's done well."

Consider the Michigan Panthers and their rookie fullback from Tulsa, Ken Lacy, who generated far less publicity than Herschel Walker or Kelvin Bryant but was just as valuable. To watch Lacy run a sweep with help from a sealing block by Ray Pinney, his offensive tackle and a former Pittsburgh Steeler starter, was to see play execution indistinguishable from that of an NFL team. But there were far fewer viewers to watch Lacy run in the Silverdome at Pontiac than those who come to see Billy Sims and the Detroit Lions in September, October, November, and December.

The problem for the USFL was this: in the larger markets like Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Detroit, which the league needs to build respectable nationwide television ratings, its teams drew poorly at the gate in competition with so much other spectator sport. In the lesser markets such as

Tampa and Denver the USFL found receptive audiences of decent size. But the television numbers there did not carry much weight. The new league's dependence upon television was exemplified when the commissioner and former TV executive, Chet Simmons, explained the expansion policy at an owners' meeting in the second month of the season. Simmons said the league had to expand into more "major markets" to help raise its overall national television rating on Sunday afternoons for ABC. However, there was some compromising later. Four expansion franchises had been awarded by June 15 and two, Houston and Pittsburgh, were in major markets. The other two, Jacksonville and San Diego, do not so qualify. These new franchises are supposed to cost \$6 million each, with such funds to go to the 12 charter members which will welcome them.

The USFL managed to upset the NFL by signing quite a few topflight college players who would have been or were high draft choices of the older league. Two of the most recent USFL acquisitions were Jim Kelly, the Miami quarterback ticketed for the Buffalo Bills, and Gary Anderson, the Arkansas running back chosen by San Diego. Both Kelly and Anderson were selected on the first round of the NFL draft and those choices now seem wasted. Because there are so many good-to-great players in America, such losses will not diminish the NFL. But the signing of these players at competitive salaries was a symbolic success for the new league, which needed the credibility. Anderson played well for the Tampa Bay Bandits and Kelly was the first player signed by Houston, which obtained the signing rights from the Chicago Blitz, his drafting team.

There were other examples of teams spending expansively to take a player away from the NFL, and the early caps on payrolls were dismissed once J. Walter Duncan, the Oklahoma City oil magnate, agreed to pay Herschel Walker \$3.2 million to perform for the New Jersey Generals for three years. Walker did everything expected of him and more. But his supporting cast was so uneven that early curiosity abated as the Generals lost game after game. Herschel paid his way, however, with the Generals attributing the selling of 8,000 of their 36,000 season tickets to his celebrated signing in the last week of February.

The eventual conclusion was that the USFL did not damage college football by permitting the signing of Walker, who asked for an invitation to go pro with another season of eligibility left at the University of Georgia. The USFL may in time even help college football by offering job openings each January and diminishing the hypocrisy of the athletic scholarship. As Penn State's Joe Paterno suggested in the wake of Walker's signing: "We at the college level are going to have to do something. We can't expect to keep going with today's economics and yesterday's rules. We owe our players something better than that."

What college football did not provide for the USFL in its debut season was a collection of wonderful quarterbacks who threw passes like Dan Fouts—who had the poise of Terry Bradshaw or the command of Ken Stabler. The USFL will have to develop people like that and its beginnings at the position were meager ones. The statistical leader most of the

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season was Fred Besana of the Oakland Invaders, who confessed he really did not belong in pro football. He was a businessman with a beer distributorship on a vacation after having played the last two years for fun with a minor-league team in his home town of Yuba City, Calif. Besana earlier had failed in trials with the Buffalo Bills and the New York Giants. He did an efficient job as his team hovered around 500, but he did not set off any explosions. Nor did Johnnie Walton of the Boston Breakers, a 35-year-old former coach who first showed up in the NFL back in 1969. Walton was as good as any USFL passer. There were a few young quarterbacks who bear watching next season, namely the three rookies from Louisiana. Bob Lane (Northeast Louisiana) for the Birmingham Stallions, Bobby Hebert (Northwest Louisiana) for the Michigan Panthers, and Alan Risher (Louisiana State) of the Arizona Wranglers.

If there was a shortage of Class A quarterbacks, the USFL had plenty of double-A running backs. Walker made at least one big play in almost every game, and it was never easy. Bryant had it easier, because in Philadelphia there was less of a spotlight on him, and the Stars, unlike Walker's Generals, had the same offensive line and quarterback on the field week after week. Their styles were different, the taller Bryant a stand-up, weaving cutter; Walker, 30 pounds heavier at 225, was all power. Both had the speed. Other rookie backs who made impressions were Michigan's Lacy, Tampa Bay's Anderson, Tim Spencer for Chicago, Ken Talton at Birmingham, and Bryant's backup, Allen Harvin.

As for the pass receivers, Chicago's Trumaine Johnson (Grambling) wreaked havoc on the league's weak corps of cornerbacks. Johnson received generous media attention, more than Eric Truvillion of the Bandits, who was almost as good. Danny Buggs, also of Tampa Bay, and Raymond Chester Oakland's tight end, were two former NFL players who thrived in the new league.

The defensive standouts were more difficult to cite. Michigan's John Corker, a free-lancing linebacker who majored in pass rushing, caught a lot of eyes when he sacked New Jersey quarterbacks six times in one game. Luther Bradley, like Corker an NFL veteran, similarly caused comment when he intercepted six passes against Tampa Bay. "Four were a part of planning," said Bradley, "and two were lucky." David Tipton played with distinction for the Michigan Panthers, although his position, nose tackle, is a hidden one. This one-time Canadian League performer from Hobart, Ind., swept aside opposing centers and ruined inside running games.

The USFL did not present a group of outstanding kickers. Tim Mazzetti of the Boston Breakers was the best of the field-goal kickers while Stan Talley, a 6-foot-5 specimen, became the premier punter.

Atlantic Division

The Philadelphia Stars were the class of this division. Under coach Jim Mora, who came from the New England Patriots with a UCLA background, the Stars played conservatively, had almost no injuries, and leaned on a bend-not-break "Doghouse Defense." Carl Peterson, the former Philadelphia Eagle personnel director, did an excellent job for his friend Mora in assembling players. Two of the best were the offensive tackles—Brad Oates, who had played for five NFL teams, and Irv Eatman, an All-America fresh from UCLA and coveted by every NFL team. The quarterback, Chuck Fusina (Penn State), who had sat on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' bench for four seasons, made no mistakes and hurt de-



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fenses by running up field. Sam Mills, a 5-10 linebacker from Montclair State, was the best of the defensive players.

Dick Coury, a long-time NFL assistant coach under Dick Vermeil, did a superb job with the Boston Breakers, who began inauspiciously with few signed draft choices and no stars of any kind. Walton, the quarterback, turned out to be the key performer. The Breakers had trouble filling a 20,000-seat stadium, Boston University's Nickerson Field, even when they were winning.

The New Jersey Generals, coached by Chuck Fairbanks, were the USFL's major disappointment. If the Generals had exploited all that publicity generated by acquiring Walker into Giants Stadium crowds of 50,000, then the league would face 1984 far more comfortably. Fairbanks tinkered following one defeat after another. Late in May there was the quarterback switch from the veteran Bobby Scott, traded to Chicago, to the neophyte Jeff Knappe, who had been cut by the Denver Gold. Knappe was no answer for the Generals whose offense, defense, and special teams never played well in the same two periods of any game.

The Washington Federals were dead last in the league standings most of the season. They turned over their personnel more than any other USFL team. The steady players were the wide receiver Joey Walters and the running backs Billy Taylor, a former New York Giant, and Craig James, an expensive rookie from Southern Methodist. Mike Hohensee, a rookie from Minnesota, showed some promise when he had a chance at quarterback.

Central Division

This group was the strongest quartet in the league. Tampa Bay started off best with Chicago next and then Michigan and Birmingham came on strong. Outspoken Steve Spurrier introduced "Bandit Ball," and the Tampa fans loved the poli-

cy of throwing passes regardless of the situation. The team had a strong Florida flavor, as represented by the initial quarterback, John Reaves, a one-time Gator hero from Gainesville. When Reaves was injured after a brilliant start, Jimmy Jordan from Florida State took over and did well.

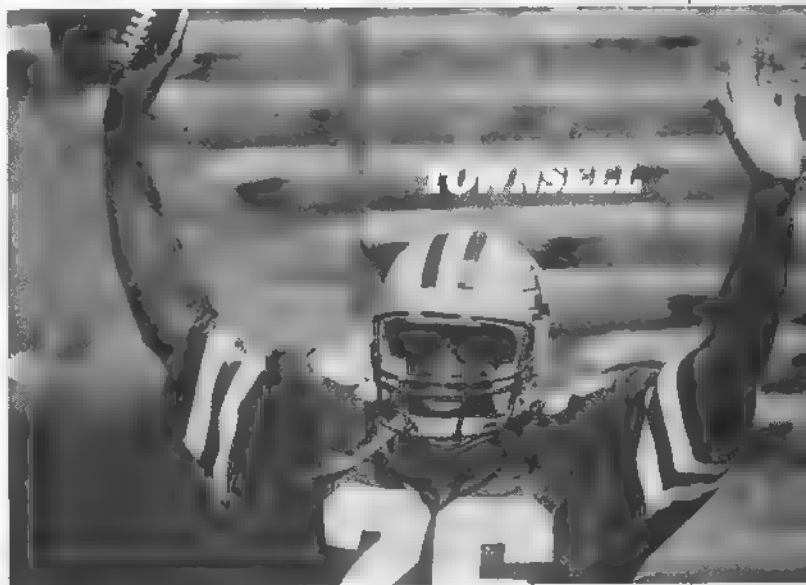
George Allen, the club's well-seasoned coach, dominated the identity of the *Chicago Blitz*. This was a young outfit on offense with such players as Trumaine Johnson, Tim Spencer, and an almost all-rookie offensive line. The quarterback was a neophyte from Notre Dame, Tim Koegel, after 36-year-old Greg Landry broke an ankle. On defense, where Allen does all his coaching, the cast had more experience with such veterans as Stan White, Joe Ehrmann, Karl Lorch, and Luther Bradley. Despite the Allen blitz Chicago did not grow overly excited about the team some called the Blitz.

Similarly the *Michigan Panthers* caused no stir in the Detroit area even after the signing of Anthony Carter, a renowned wide receiver from the University of Michigan. The offensive line put together by the coach, Jim Stancely, made this team formidable.

The *Birmingham Stallions* got off to a slow start, but then Rolie Dotsch, the coach, established his principles and this club became tough. Dotsch had made his mark as the longtime offensive line coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Like the others, Dotsch mixed in veterans such as Tom Banks, his center, with rookies like Pat Phenix and Pat Sandon, both tackles, and a player who never had much chance in the NFL, the guard Buddy Aydelette.

Pacific Division

The *Arizona Wranglers* had a built-in audience awaiting because the Phoenix market had long yearned for pro football and Arizona State provided a fine stadium. But the franchise failed to provide a winning team with such a great opportunity before it.



The *Denver Gold* outdrew the entire league even though the team was inconsistent. So was the owner, Ron Blanding, who fired the popular coach, Red Miller, and tried to make amends by hiring the equally popular Craig Morton as a replacement. Then Blanding said he wanted to sell the team, but for \$12 million.

John Raiston, one of the league founders, did all right with the *Oakland Invaders*, although his team never took command of a weak division. Besana and Ray Chester were his name players.

The Los Angeles market hardly responded to the *Express*, which played to crowds of fewer than 20,000 in the huge Coliseum. Hugh Campbell, from the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League, was the coach. He had a passing team that stumbled along, alternating victories and defeats. The quarterbacks were alternated too, Mike Rae and Tom Ramsey. Even with a load of former southern California stars, such as Ramsey and JoJo Townsell, the *Express* was not a fast act.



AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE


● This is getting serious. The American Football Conference has been defeated in the last two Super Bowls, the first time that happened since Green Bay beat Kansas City and Oakland in the first two Supers. The AFC won the season series with the NFC, but just barely, 15-14, with one tie.

The temptation for an AFC man might be to shout "do something." Except that something has been done already. It took place in April at the annual college draft. It was the year of the quarterback last fall in college football. Now it was time for the pros to harvest that superb crop. For the first time in NFL draft history, six quarterbacks were selected in the first round. The AFC took all of them. The Americans have seen the future and they think it is theirs.

This is how the harvest went: John Elway, the Stanford treat, went to Baltimore on the very first selection. The Colts didn't keep his rights for long, but when they traded him it was to another AFC team, the Denver Broncos. Todd Blackledge, the brainy leader of Penn State's national champions, went to Kansas City on the seventh pick. Jim Kelly, the University of Miami's big-game quarterback, was selected number 14 by Buffalo. Tony Eason, Illinois' record-smashing passer, was taken by New England on the next pick, the fifteenth. California-Davis' Ken O'Brien, the closest thing to a sleeper on the draft board, was the New York Jets' selection the 24th of the round. Dan Marino of Pitt, a preseason projection to be taken within the first five picks, lasted until the 27th selection, when AFC champion Miami took him.

Three of the six stand a strong chance to win starting jobs as rookies. Owner Edgar Kaiser of the Broncos did not pay Elway big money to sit on the bench and watch Steve DeBerg play. Neither Steve Fuller nor Bill Kenney ever clinched the No. 1 job under Marv Levy in Kansas City, and if one of them doesn't make an immediate move in new coach John Mackovic's system, Blackledge is the logical alternative. In New England, neither Steve Grogan nor Matt Cavanaugh took command of the Patriots' offense, and coach Ron Meyer may start fresh with Eason, since he is destined to be the team's quarterback of the near future anyhow.

Kelly figured to compete for the starting job in Buffalo with the veteran Joe Ferguson, who had a nightmare season in 1982, and with Matt Kofler, the Bills' second-round draft choice a year ago. Kofler cost Buffalo plenty in a bidding war with Calgary of the Canadian League, but he never got to play last season. Then Kelly chose to sign with the expansion Houston Gamblers of the USFL, which was so eager to have the former Miami star that it allowed him to sign with the team of his choice.



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STREET & SMITH'S 1983 ALL-AFC TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback—Dan Fouts, San Diego
Running Back—Freeman McNeil, New York
Running Back—Joe Cribbs, Buffalo
Tackle—Anthony Munoz, Cincinnati
Wide Receiver—Wesley Walker, New York
Wide Receiver—Cris Collinsworth, Cincinnati
Tight End—Kellen Winslow, San Diego
Tackle—Larry Brown, Pittsburgh
Guard—Mickey Marvin, Los Angeles
Guard—Ed Newman, Miami
Center—Pete Brock, New England
Place-kicker—Nick Lowery, Kansas City

DEFENSE

Inside Linebacker—A.J. Duhe, Miami
Outside Linebacker—Lance Mehl, New York
Outside Linebacker—Chip Banks, Cleveland
Inside Linebacker—Jack Lambert, Pittsburgh
End—Mark Gastineau, New York
End—Ben Williams, Buffalo
Nose Tackle—Bob Baumhower, Miami
Cornerback—Lester Hayes, Los Angeles
Cornerback—Don McNeal, Miami
Free Safety—Donnie Shell, Pittsburgh
Strong Safety—Kenny Easley, Seattle
Punter—Rohn Stark, Baltimore

AFC

Marino has a rosy future, since coach Don Shula was ecstatic that the former Panther lasted long enough for Miami's turn. There is a chance that he could play an immediate role if Shula decides to phase out Don Strock, who was a free agent after last season. Marino would then play the Strock role in the Miami quarterback combination with David Woodley.

The least likely to play soon is O'Brien. With Richard Todd at the peak of his career, there will be no rush in developing O'Brien as a pro.

The drafting of the six quarterbacks is not the only sign that offense is being emphasized in the AFC. There are four new coaches in the conference, and all are committed to putting some pizzazz in the attack.

Mackovic told the Chiefs at their first minicamp that there was going to be a heavy emphasis on the passing game this year. The Chiefs finished 21st in the NFL in passing last year, and their running game didn't carry them. It, too, finished 21st. The new coach also told the public about his plans for the passing game at the numerous speaking engagements he made after his hiring. Mackovic's promotional appearances were no accident. The Chiefs have lost an alarming amount of fans in their decade-long drought.

Kay Stephenson, Buffalo's new coach, is committed to a more explosive passing attack. That's the main reason the Bills selected Notre Dame tight end Tony Hunter with the first of their two first-round selections.

"We think he's a Kellen Winslow-type player," says Stephenson. "We can use him inside, outside, in motion or even as a double tight end. He gives us a lot of versatility."

The New York Jets are already one of the top offensive teams in the league, but now that Joe Walton is the head coach, there may be even more emphasis on offense. He was the team's offensive coordinator and the confidant of quarterback Richard Todd before he succeeded Walt Michaels as head coach. Only San Diego and the Los Angeles Raiders more points than the Jets' 245 last year.

Chuck Knox has never been known as a hell-for-leather offensive coach, but his first priority upon taking the head job at Seattle was to put some balance and punch in a running game which finished next-to-last in the NFL. Knox may have done it on draft day by trading his first three choices to the Houston Oilers for the right to select running back Curt Warner of Penn State.

The closest divisional race in the AFC should be in the East, where Miami and New York resume their feud. The Jets lost four times in 12 games including the playoffs last season. Three of those losses were to the Dolphins.

Pittsburgh and Cincinnati continue their battle. The Bengals finished a game ahead of the Steelers last year, but the teams met only once because of the strike. Pittsburgh won that game, 26-20.

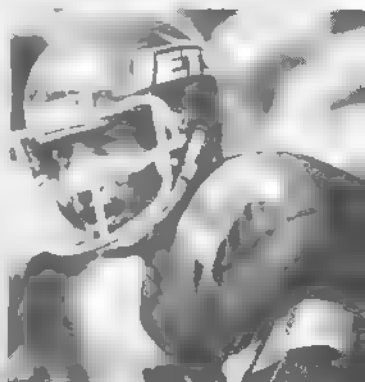
This may be the last Super Bowl shot for San Diego, and the Chargers' main struggle will be with their long-time foe, the Los Angeles Raiders. The Raiders won both meetings again last year, 28-24 and 41-34. In the first game, L.A. spotted San Diego a 24-0 lead before rallying to win.

The pick here to represent the American Conference in the Super Bowl is the New York Jets.

Here are what some of the 1983 individual championships and awards may look like:

- *Ground gaining:* Marcus Allen, Los Angeles
- *Passing:* Richard Todd, New York
- *Receiving:* Cris Collinsworth, Cincinnati
- *Scoring:* Rolf Benirschke, San Diego
- *Punt returns:* Tom Vigorito, Miami
- *Kickoff returns:* Johnny Hector, New York
- *Punting:* Rohn Stark, Baltimore
- *Interceptions:* Ken Easley, Seattle
- *Offensive rookie of the year:* Tony Hunter, Buffalo
- *Defensive rookie of the year:* Billy Ray Smith, San Diego
- *Most valuable player:* Richard Todd, New York
- *Coach of the year:* Joe Walton, New York

TODD



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1982 NFL Final Standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	8	1	0	.889	190	128
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	226	145
Green Bay	5	3	1	.611	226	169
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	183	199
St. Louis	5	4	0	.556	135	170
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	158	178
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	187	198
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	181	176
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	129	160
NY Giants	4	5	0	.444	164	180
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	209	206
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	191	195
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	141	174
LA Rams	2	7	0	.222	200	250

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
LA Raiders	8	1	0	.889	260	200
Miami	7	2	0	.778	198	131
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778	232	177
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	204	146
San Diego	6	3	0	.667	288	221
NY Jets	6	3	0	.667	245	166
New England	5	4	0	.556	143	157
Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	140	182
Buffalo	4	5	0	.444	150	154
Seattle	4	5	0	.444	127	147
Kansas City	3	6	0	.333	176	184
Denver	2	7	0	.222	148	226
Houston	1	8	0	.111	136	245
Baltimore	0	8	1	.056	113	245

NFC OPENING-ROUND PLAYOFF

At Washington, January 8				
Detroit	0	0	7	0-7
Washington	10	14	7	0-31

SCORING

Washington: White 77 interception return (Moseley kick).
 Washington: Field goal Moseley 26
 Washington: Garrett 21 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick).
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 Washington: Garrett 27 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick).
 Detroit: Hill 15 pass from Hipple (Murray kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	Detroit	Washington
First downs	20	18
Rushes-Yards	21-95	38-175
Passing yards	268	191
Sacks by-Yards	2-15	4-29
Return yards	136	174
Passes	22-38-2	14-19-0
Punts	3-38.3	4-31.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-29	4-20
Time of possession	27:22	32:38
Attendance	55,045	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Detroit, Sims 6-19, Bussey 5-19, King 4-10, Hipple 6-47, Washington, Riggins 25-119, Washington 1-9, Walker 2-14, Jackson 8-27, Theismann 2-6.
Passing: Detroit, Hipple 22-38-2—298, Washington, Theismann 14-19-0—210.
Receiving: Detroit, Scott 1-14, Hill 3-29, L. Thompson 7-150, Sims 6-68, Bussey 1 minus 2, King 2-8, Porter 2-31, Washington, Brown 3-69, Washington 1-15, Walker 4-16, Garrett 6-110.

NFC OPENING ROUND PLAYOFF

At Green Bay, January 8				
St. Louis	3	6	0	7-16
Green Bay	7	21	10	3-41

SCORING

St. Louis: Field goal O'Donoghue 18.
 Green Bay: Jefferson 60 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick).
 Green Bay: Lofton 20 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick).
 Green Bay: Ivory 1 run (Stenerud kick).
 Green Bay: Ivory 4 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick).
 St. Louis: Tilley 5 pass from Lomax (kick blocked).
 Green Bay: Jefferson 7 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick).
 Green Bay: Field goal Stenerud 34.
 St. Louis: Shumann 18 pass from Lomax (O'Donoghue kick).

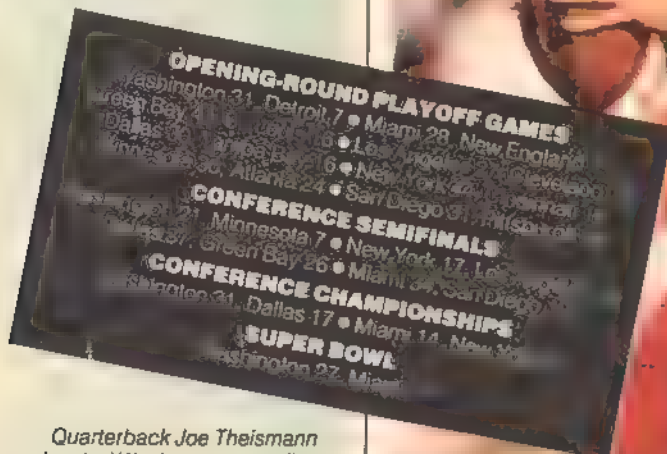
TEAM STATISTICS	St. Louis	Green Bay
First downs	27	22
Rushes-Yards	23-106	31-108
Passing yards	347	286
Sacks by-Yards	0-0	5-38
Return yards	178	81
Passes	32-51-2	19-26-0
Punts	0-0-0	1-28-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-78	5-35
Time of possession	31:03	28:57
Attendance	54,282	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: St. Louis, Anderson 8-58, Mitchell 7-21, Morris 3-14, Lomax 4-9, Green 1-4, Green Bay, Ivory 13-67, Ellis 5-27, Rodgers 6-18, Jensen 3-10, Dickey 1-0, Huckleby 2-minus 1, Lofton 1-minus 13.
Passing: St. Louis, Lomax 32-51-2—385, Green Bay, Dickey 17-29-0—260, Campbell 1-2-0—15, Ellis 1-1-0—11.
Receiving: St. Louis, Green 9-113, Tilley 5-55, Shumann 4-59, Mitchell 4-57, Thompson 3-41, Morris 3-32, Marsh 2-18, Harrell 2-10, Green Bay, Jefferson 6-148, Coffman 4-39, Lofton 3-52, Ellis 3-29, Rodgers 1-10, Ivory 1-4, Jensen 1-4.



Quarterback Joe Theismann directed Washington to its first Super Bowl championship in 1983.



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AFC OPENING-ROUND PLAYOFF

	At Miami, January 8			
New England	0	3	3	7-13
Miami	0	14	7	7-28

SCORING

New England: Field goal Smith 23.
Miami: Hardy 2 pass from Woody (von Schamann kick).
Miami: Franklin 1 run (von Schamann kick).
New England: Field goal Smith 42.
Miami: Bennett 2 run (von Schamann kick).
Miami: Hardy 2 pass from Woody (von Schamann kick).
New England: Hasselbeck 22 pass from Grogan (Smith kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	New England	Miami
First downs	14	27
Rushes-Yards	18-77	45-214
Passing yards	160	234
Sacks by-Yards	2-12	4-29
Return yards	54	138
Passes	16-30-2	16-19-0
Punt	5-43.6	1-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	4-27	2-15
Time of possession	24:09	35:51
Attendance	66,842	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: New England: Collins 7-36, van Eeghen 9-40, Talup 1-4, Morgan 1-minus 2, Miami: Nathan 12-71, Franklin 26-112, Vigorito 1-5, Woody 1-16, Bennett 5-10.
Passing: New England: Grogan 16-30-2-189, Miami: Woody 16-19-0-246.
Receiving: New England: van Eeghen 1-5, Dawson 4-48, Hasselbeck 7-87, Collins 1-17, Brown 1-8, Toler 1-16, Johnson 1-7, Miami: Nathan 5-68, Vigorito 2-40, Cefalo 2-27, Rose 2-47, Hardy 3-23, Harris 1-36, Diana 1-5.

AFC OPENING-ROUND PLAYOFF

	At Los Angeles, January 8			
Cleveland	0	10	0	0-10
Los Angeles Raiders	3	10	7	7-27

SCORING

Los Angeles: Field goal C. Bahr 27.
Cleveland: Field goal M. Bahr 52.
Los Angeles: Allen 2 run (C. Bahr kick).
Cleveland: Feacher 43 pass from McDonald (M. Bahr kick).
Los Angeles: Field goal C. Bahr 37.
Los Angeles: Allen 3 run (C. Bahr kick).
Los Angeles: Hawkins 1 run (C. Bahr kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	Cleveland	Los Angeles
First downs	17	25
Rushes-Yards	18-56	36-140
Passing yards	228	370
Sacks by-Yards	2-16	6-53
Return yards	99	128
Passes	18-37-0	24-37-2
Punts	6-48.5	3-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-35	6-55
Time of possession	25:02	34:58
Attendance	56,555	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Cleveland: White 9-30, Pruitt 8-19, McDonald 1-7, Los Angeles: Allen 17-72, King 7-30, Pruitt 3-15, Hawkins 4-10, Plunkett 2-10, Willis 3-3.
Passing: Cleveland: McDonald 16-37-0-281, Los Angeles: Plunkett 24-37-2-386.
Receiving: Cleveland: Feacher 4-124, Newsome 4-51, Walker 4-47, Pruitt 3-17, White 2-15, Logan 1-27, Los Angeles: Christensen 6-93, Allen 6-75, Branch 5-121, Barnwell 2-38, Pruitt 2-14, Ramsey 1-25, King 1-11, Hawkins 1-9.

NFC OPENING-ROUND PLAYOFF

	At Dallas, January 9			
Tampa Bay	0	10	7	0-17
Dallas	6	7	3	14-30

SCORING

Dallas: Field goal Septon 33.
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Tampa Bay: Green 60 fumble return (Capece kick).
Tampa Bay: Field goal Capece 32.
Dallas: Springs 8 pass from D. White (Septon kick).
Dallas: Field goal Septon 19.
Tampa Bay: Jones 49 pass from Williams (Capece kick).
Dallas: Hunter 19 interception return (Septon kick).
Dallas: Newsome 10 pass from D. White (Septon kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	Tampa Bay	Dallas
First downs	8	29
Rushes-Yards	21-105	42-179
Passing yards	113	277
Sacks by-Yards	5-35	0-0
Return yards	168	158
Passes	8-28-3	27-45-2
Punts	6-43.5	3-37.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-41	6-45
Time of possession	19:47	40:13
Attendance	65,042	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Tampa Bay: Wilder 14-93, Carver 7-12, Dallas: Dorsett 26-110, Springs 7-24, Doney 1-25.
Newhouse 5-15, Pearson 1-4, DuPree 1-1, White 1-0.
Passing: Tampa Bay: Williams 8-28-3-113, Dallas: D. White 27-45-2-312.
Receiving: Tampa Bay: House 4-52, Wilder 2-5, Jones 1-49, Giles 1-7, Dallas: Pearson 7-95, Johnson 4-76, T. Hill 4-45, Cosbie 3-32, Springs 3-16, Newsome 2-14, Dorsett 2-14, Newhouse 1-11, DuPree 1-9.

Alvin Garrett scored Washington's first touchdown in Super Bowl XVII



NFC OPENING-ROUND PLAYOFF

	At Minnesota, January 9			
Atlanta	7	0	14	3-24
Minnesota	3	10	3	14-30

SCORING

Atlanta: Rogers recovered block punt in end zone (Luckhurst kick).
Minnesota: Field goal Danmeier 33.
Minnesota: S. White 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick).
Minnesota: Field goal Danmeier 30.
Atlanta: Luckhurst 17 run (Luckhurst kick).
Atlanta: Gazebrook 35 interception return (Luckhurst kick).
Minnesota: Field goal Danmeier 39.
Minnesota: McCullum 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick).
Atlanta: Field goal Luckhurst 41.
Minnesota: Brown 5 run (Danmeier kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	Atlanta	Minnesota
First downs	24	30
Rushes-Yards	24-120	42-125
Passing yards	115	253
Sacks by-Yards	0-0	3-19
Return yards	155	178
Passes	9-23-2	20-34-1
Punts	5-42.6	5-32.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-0
Penalties-Yards	7-98	10-84
Time of possession	21:17	38:43
Attendance	60,560	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Atlanta: Andrews 11-48, Cain 3-17, Riggs 9-38, Luckhurst 1-17, Minnesota: Brown 23-81, Gazebrook 6-10, Nelson 4-24, Kramer 8-13, S. White 1-minus 3.
Passing: Atlanta: Bartkowski 9-23-2-134, Minnesota: Kramer 20-34-1-253.
Receiving: Atlanta: Riggs 2-16, Kreple 1-18, A. Jackson 1-5, Jenkins 2-52, Hodge 2-29, Cain 1-14, Minnesota: S. White 2-61, McCullum 4-51, Senger 6-61, Young 2-13, LeCount 2-24, Brown 1-9, Galbreath 3-14.

AFC OPENING-ROUND PLAYOFF

	At Cincinnati, January 9			
New York Jets	3	17	3	21-44
Cincinnati	14	0	3	0-17

SCORING

Cincinnati: Curtis 32 pass from Anderson (Breech kick).
New York: Field goal Leahy 33.
Cincinnati: Ross 2 pass from Anderson (Breech kick).
New York: Gaffney 14 pass from McNeil (Leahy kick).
New York: Walker 4 pass from Todd (Leahy kick).
New York: Field goal Leahy 24.
New York: Field goal Leahy 47.
Cincinnati: Field goal Breech 20.
New York: McNeil 20 run (Leahy kick).
New York: Ray 98 interception return (Leahy kick).
New York: Crutchfield 1 run (Leahy kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	New York	Cincinnati
First downs	27	23
Rushes-Yards	34-234	21-62
Passing yards	283	333
Sacks by-Yards	4-21	0-0
Return yards	209	138
Passes	21-29-1	26-36-3
Punts	0-0-0	2-43-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	12-95	7-60
Time of possession	28:44	31:16
Attendance	57,560	

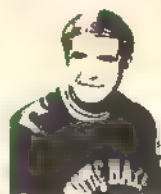
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Rushing: New York: McNeil 21-202, Todd 3-3, Dierking 3-11, Augustyniak 2-2, Harper 2-9, Newton 2-6.
Crutchfield 1-1, Cincinnati: Johnson 9-18, Alexander 7-14, Anderson 2-5, A. Griffin 3-17.
Passing: New York: Todd 20-28-1-269, McNeil 1-1-0-14, Cincinnati: Anderson 26-35-3-354, Schonert 0-1-0-0.
Receiving: New York: Walker 8-145, Augustyniak 1-4, J. Jones 2-22, Gaffney 4-50, Harper 2-35, McNeil 1-8, Dierking 2-9, Barkum 1-9, Cincinnati: A. Griffin 3-14, Collinsworth 7-120, Curtis 3-63, Ross 6-89, M. L. Harris 1-20, Kreider 3-41, Johnson 3-7.

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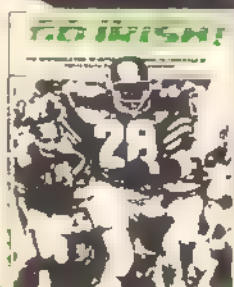
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PLAYOFF & SUPER BOWL RECAP

AFC OPENING-ROUND PLAYOFF

	At Pittsburgh, January 9			
San Diego	3	14	0	14-31
Pittsburgh	14	0	7	7-28

SCORING

Pittsburgh: Ruff fumble recovery in end zone (Anderson kick).
San Diego: Field goal Benirschke 25.
Pittsburgh: Bradshaw 1 run (Anderson kick).
San Diego: Brooks 18 run (Benirschke kick).
San Diego: Sievers 10 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick).
Pittsburgh: Cunningham 2 pass from Bradshaw (Anderson kick).
Pittsburgh: Stallworth 14 pass from Bradshaw (Anderson kick).
San Diego: Winslow 8 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick).
San Diego: Winslow 12 pass from Fouts (Benirschke kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	San Diego	Pittsburgh
First downs	29	26
Rushes-Yards	29-146	23-97
Passing yards	333	325
Sacks by-Yards	0-0	0-0
Return yards	76	102
Passes	27-42-0	28-39-2
Punts	1-48.0	2-32.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-51	6-54
Time of possession	30:23	29:37
Attendance	53,546	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: San Diego, Muncie 25-126, Brooks 3-20, Cappelletti 1-0; Pittsburgh, Harris 10-35, Pollard 9-47, Hawthorne 2-3, Bradshaw 2-12.
Passing: San Diego, Fouts 27-42-0—333; Pittsburgh, Bradshaw 28-39-2—325.
Receiving: San Diego, Joiner 5-68, Chandler 9-124, Sievers 2-17, Brooks 1-4, Winslow 7-102, Fitzkee 1-8, Cappelletti 1-minus 2, Muncie 1-12, Pittsburgh, Smith 1-40, Cunningham 5-55, Harris 11-71, Stallworth 8-118, Pollard 2-29, Swan 1-14.

AFC SEMIFINAL PLAYOFF

	At Washington, January 15			
Minnesota	0	7	0	0-7
Washington	14	7	0	0-21

SCORING

Washington: Warren 3 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick).
Washington: Riggins 2 run (Moseley kick).
Minnesota: Brown 18 run (Dannemer kick).
Washington: Garrett 18 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	Minnesota	Washington
First downs	15	23
Rushes-Yards	18-79	42-204
Passing yards	238	211
Sacks by-Yards	2-2	2-14
Return yards	35	49
Passes	18-39-0	17-23-1
Punts	4-39.2	2-30.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-39	3-25
Time of possession	25:09	34:51
Attendance	54,593	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Minnesota, Brown 14-65, Young 1-6, Nelson 1-4, Kramer 1-0; Galbreath 1-4, Washington, Riggins 37-185, Washington 1-11, Theismann 3-4, Garrett 1-4.
Passing: Minnesota, Kramer 18-39-0—252; Washington, Theismann 17-23-1—213.
Receiving: Minnesota, S. White 1-13, LeCount 3-57, Brown 7-62, Senser 1-32, McCullum 3-63, Jordan 2-11, Jackson 1-14, Washington, Brown 5-59, Giacinto 2-38, Warren 4-20, Walker 2-15, Garrett 3-75, Washington 1-5.

AFC SEMIFINAL PLAYOFF

	At Los Angeles, January 15			
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	7-17
L.A. Raiders	0	0	14	0-14

SCORING

New York: Walker 20 pass from Todd (Leahy kick).
New York: Field goal Leahy 30.
Los Angeles: Allen 4 run (Bahr kick).
Los Angeles: Barnwell 57 pass from Plunkett (Bahr kick).
New York: Dierking 1 run (Leahy kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	New York	Los Angeles
First downs	21	19
Rushes-Yards	34-139	30-93
Passing yards	252	246
Sacks by-Yards	2-20	4-25
Return yards	34	5
Passes	15-24-2	21-33-3
Punts	2-32	4-41
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-64	5-55
Time of possession	28:19	31:41
Attendance	90,037	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Jets, McNeil 23-105, Augustyniak 4-22, Todd 5-8, Dierking 2-4; Raiders, Allen 15-36, Plunkett 4-18, King 5-16, Montgomery 1-11, Hawkins 3-4, Pruitt 1-4, Barnwell 1-4.
Passing: Jets, Todd 15-24-2—277; Raiders, Plunkett 21-33-3—256.
Receiving: Jets, Walker 7-169, Jones 2-52, Augustyniak 2-18, Barkum 1-11, McNeil 1-11; Shuler 1-9, Dierking 1-7, Raiders, Allen 6-37, Branch 5-82, Christensen 5-31, Barnwell 2-83, Hawkins 1-15, Ramsey 1-14, King 1-4.



NFC SEMIFINAL PLAYOFF

	At Dallas, January 16			
Green Bay	0	7	6	13-26
Dallas	6	14	3	14-37

SCORING

Dallas: Field goal Septien 50.
Dallas: Field goal Septien 34.
Green Bay: Lofton 6 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick).
Dallas: Newsome 2 run (Septien kick).
Dallas: Thurman 39 interception return (Septien kick).
Green Bay: Field goal Stenerud 30.
Green Bay: Field goal Stenerud 33.
Dallas: Field goal Septien 24.
Green Bay: Lofton 71 run (kick blocked).
Dallas: Cosbie 7 pass from D. White (Septien kick).
Green Bay: Lee 22 interception return (Stenerud kick).
Dallas: Newhouse 1 run (Septien kick).

TEAM STATISTICS	Green Bay	Dallas
First downs	21	24
Rushes-Yards	17-158	39-109
Passing yards	308	266
Sacks by-Yards	4-24	1-8
Return yards	178	254
Passes	19-36-3	24-37-1
Punts	4-42.0	4-34.7
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-35	5-30
Time of possession	21:08	38:52
Attendance	63,972	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Green Bay, Lofton 1-71, Rodgers 4-42, Ivory 7-24, Ellis 4-21, Dickey 1-0; Dallas, Dorsett 27-99, Newhouse 7-15, Newsome 1-2, White 4-minus 7.
Passing: Green Bay, Dickey 19-36-3—332.
Dallas, D. White 23-36-1—225, Pearson 1-1-0—49.
Receiving: Green Bay, Lofton 5-109, Coffman 5-72, Ellis 5-70, Jefferson 2-40, Ivory 1-25, Epps 1-16, Dallas, T. Hill 7-142, Newsome 7-70, Cosbie 4-36, Dorsett 3-9, DuPree 2-14, Pearson 1-3.

Fulton Walker's 98-yard kickoff return gave the Miami Dolphins a 17-10 lead at the half in Super Bowl XVII



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PLAYOFF & SUPER BOWL RECAP

AFC SEMIFINAL PLAYOFF

	At Miami, January 16			
San Diego	0	13	0	0-13
Miami	7	20	0	7-34

SCORING

Miami: Moore 3 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
Miami: Franklin 3 run (von Schamann kick)
Miami: Lee 6 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
Miami: Field goal von Schamann 24
San Diego: Joiner 28 pass from Fouts (kick failed)
Miami: Field goal von Schamann 23
San Diego: Muncie 1 run (Benirschke kick)
Miami: Woodley 7 run (von Schamann kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	San Diego	Miami
First downs	17	29
Rushes-Yards	17-79	56-214
Passing yards	168	199
Sacks by-Yards	3-23	1-16
Return yards	11-127	10-98
Passes	15-34-5	18-23-1
Punts	4-41-3	3-40-3
Penalties-Yards	7-82	6-70
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Time of possession	19:14	40:46
Attendance	71,383	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: San Diego, Cappelletti 1-5, Muncie 11-62, Brooks 3-8, Fouts 2-3; Miami: Nathan 19-83, Franklin 23-86, Bennett 7-14, Woodley 3-14, Orosz 1-11, Vigorito 1-2, Jensen 2-minus 6
Passing: San Diego, Fouts 15-34-5—181, Miami, Woodley 17-22-1—185, Nathan 1-1-0—20
Receiving: San Diego, Chandler 2-38, Muncie 6-53, Joiner 1-28, Winslow 1-18, Sievers 2-21, Brooks 2-25, Hoehan 1-8, Miami, Hardy 3-45, Nathan 8-55, Moore 1-3, Vigorito 2-22, Lee 1-8, Cefalo 2-69, Harris 1-15

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

	At Washington, January 22			
Dallas	0	14	0	0-17
Washington	7	7	7	10-31

SCORING

Dallas: Field goal Septien 27
Washington: Brown 19 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Washington: Riggins 1 run (Moseley kick)
Dallas: Pearson 6 pass from Hogeboom (Septien kick)
Washington: Riggins 4 run (Moseley kick)
Dallas: Johnson 23 pass from Hogeboom (Septien kick)
Washington: Field goal Moseley 29
Washington: Grant 10 interception return (Moseley kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	Dallas	Washington
First downs	21	18
Rushes-Yards	21-85	41-37
Passing yards	275	123
Return yards	104	154
Passes	23-44-2	12-20-0
Sacks by-Yards	3-27	0-0
Punts	3-31	5-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	3-25
Time of possession	27:22	32:38
Attendance	55,045	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Dallas, Dorsett 15-57, Springs 4-15, T. Hill 1-minus 6, Pearson 1-minus 1, Washington, Riggins 36-140, Washington 2-2, Garrett 1-minus 2, Theismann 1-minus 3
Passing: Dallas, D. White 9-15-0—113, Hogeboom 14-29-2—162, Washington, Theismann 12-20-0—150
Receiving: Dallas, T. Hill 5-59, Dorsett 2-29, Pearson 5-55, Johnson 5-73, Newsome 3-24, Cosbie 2-26, DuPree 1-8, Washington, Brown 3-54, Warren 2-24, Garrett 4-46, Washington 1-13, Walker 1-9, Hampton 1-4

John Riggins brushed aside Don McNeal en route to a 43-yard TD gallop that gave the Redskins the lead in the Super Bowl



AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

	At Miami, January 23			
New York Jets	0	0	0	0-0
Miami	0	0	7	7-14

SCORING

Miami: Bennett 7 run (von Schamann kick)
Miami: Duhe 35 interception return (von Schamann kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	New York	Miami
First downs	10	13
Rushes-Yards	24-62	41-138
Passing yards	77	60
Return yards	66	68
Passes	15-37-5	9-21-3
Sacks by-Yards	4-27	4-26
Punts	10-36	10-33
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-42	3-15
Time of possession	26:09	33:51
Attendance	67,396	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Jets, McNeil 17-46, Todd 4-10, Augustyniak 2-5, Dierking 1-1, Miami, Woodley 8-46, Franklin 13-44, Nathan 7-24, Bennett 13-24
Passing: Jets, Todd 15-37-5—103, Miami, Woodley 9-21-3—87
Receiving: Jets, Harper 4-14, J. Jones 3-35, Barkum 2-20, Augustyniak 2-12, McNeil 1-9, Galfney 1-7, Dierking 1-6, Walker 1-0, Miami, Vigorito 3-29, Harris 2-28, Nathan 2-4, Rose 1-20, Lee 1-8

SUPER BOWL XVII

	At Pasadena, CA, January 30			
Miami	7	10	0	0-17
Washington	0	10	3	14-27

SCORING

Miami: Cefalo 76 pass from Woodley (von Schamann kick)
Washington: Field goal Moseley 31
Miami: Field goal von Schamann 20
Washington: Garrett 4 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)
Miami: Walker 98 kickoff return (von Schamann kick)
Washington: Field goal Moseley 20
Washington: Riggins 43 run (Moseley kick)
Washington: Brown 6 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick)

TEAM STATISTICS	Miami	Washington
First downs	9	24
Rushes-Yards	29-96	52-276
Passing yards	80	124
Sacks by-Yards	1-17	3-19
Passes	4-17-1	15-23-2
Punts	6-37-8	4-42-0
Return yards	244	109
Penalties-Yards	4-55	5-36
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Time of possession	23:45	36:15
Attendance	103,667	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: Miami, Franklin 16-49, Nathan 7-26, Woodley 4-16, Vigorito 1-4, Harris 1-1, Washington, Riggins 38-166, Garrett 1-44, Hampton 9-40, Theismann 3-20, Walker 1-6
Passing: Miami, Woodley 4-14-1—97, Strook 0-3-0—0, Washington, Theismann 15-23-2—143
Receiving: Miami, Cefalo 2-82, Harris 2-15, Washington, Brown 6-60, Warren 5-28, Garrett 2-13, Walker 1-27, Riggins 1-15



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NEW YORK JETS

The Jets were thinking only positive thoughts as January passed into February. Not the pipe-dream stuff of the Jet past, but tangible positive thoughts. Why not? They had mashed Cincinnati, the defending AFC champion, 44-17, for their first playoff victory since Joe Namath and his guys won the most famous of Super Bowls 14 years earlier. They beat the Raiders on their Los Angeles Coliseum turf, 17-14.

O.K., so they were shut out by Miami, 14-0, in the AFC championship game. Who knows what might have happened if the game hadn't

been played in a nice paddy? Besides, Walt Michaels said this team was maturing. Walt said they would be back strong in '83. Walt said. Then Walt Michaels was fired. The official Jet statement said he retired, but the last thing Michaels wanted to do after his team came alive last season was retire.

The Jets have to be viewed in terms of that trauma now. What effect will Michaels' abrupt departure have on this talented team? His replacements came from within the staff. Joe Walton, the offensive coordinator, was promoted to head coach. Joe Gardi, the defensive coordinator, was named assistant head coach. Both of them had chafed over Michaels' reluctance to give them what they considered their proper credit for the Jets' development. Two other key assistants, Dan Sekanovich and Bob Fry, left the organization for better jobs in Atlanta.

So the Jets, who should be perceived as a Super Bowl possibility instead draw quizzical looks from the rest of the NFL. The question is how much the team hemorrhaged over the Michaels' episode.

In listing the Jets' pluses, start with quarterback Richard Todd. He passed for 14 touchdowns and 1,941 yards in last year's truncated schedule. In NFL passer ratings he trailed only Cincinnati's Ken Anderson and San Diego's Dan Fouts. "He's proved he can win," says Walton, who has been Todd's guru for the last two years. "The biggest thing with Richard is that I don't think he's reached his potential yet, and he doesn't either." Todd brought the Jets from behind in the two playoff victories. His sole minus was the failure against Miami, but most of the Jets share in that. The Dolphins defeated the Jets in all three meetings.

Freeman McNeil is on the verge of becoming the finest running back in the team's history. He gained 786 yards and scored a half dozen touchdowns rushing last season, but the most important figure, in view of the shortened schedule, was his average per carry: 5.2 yards. "We hope to work Freeman into the passing game more," says Walton, an indication of the added firepower the Jets might plan for 1983.

The Jets, before McNeil, used to be known as a plowhorse team. They would give you a lot of Bruce Harper in small doses—kickoff returns, punt returns, pass catching, occasional outside running, or a blink-quick trap. But mostly they had guys such as Mike Augustyniak (50 carries, 3.6 average, four touchdowns) and Scott Dierking (38 carries, 3.4 average, one TD). Then, in the last draft they added a little blazer in Johnny Hector of Texas A&M. With Harper, the Jets can now little-guy defenses to death. It adds up to a lot of versatility.

Wesley Walker is still a terrifying receiver, Todd's best weapon. He caught 39 passes for a 15.9-yard average and six touchdowns. And Lam Jones is getting better. Once one of the all-time disappointments, he caught 18 passes for a 16.3-yard average and scored

twice. Some day he may explode. Derrick Gaffney averaged 18.8 yards on his 11 catches. The Jets also drafted UCLA's game-breaker, Jojo Townsel, but he elected to rejoin his college quarterback, Tom Ramsey, with the Los Angeles Express in the USFL.

The Jets supposedly give you a double dose of tight end, Jerome Barkum for receiving and Mickey Shuler for blocking. Except that Shuler averaged 16.5 yards on his eight catches and scored three times. Barkum averaged 9.6 yards on 19 grabs, one of which was for a touchdown. The draft brings Wes Howel of the University of California.

The Jets think that they have the best offensive line in the league, and there are some who agree. Joe Fields, the center, made the Pro Bowl again. He is undersized but savvy and tenacious. Tackle Marvin Powe made the Pro Bowl again, too, although he sometimes slips from his own high standards in big games. The most underrated of the linemen's guard Dan Alexander. Stan Waldemore



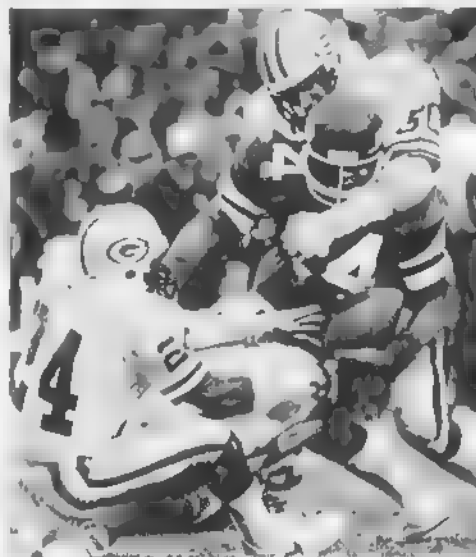
The very exuberant Mark Gastineau of the New York Jets

1982 LEAGUE BOX SCORES

SCORING—Leahy, 59 points on 11 field goals and 26 PATs. 7th.
RUSHING—McNeil, 151 carries for 786 yards, 5.2 avg., 6 TDs. 1st.
PASSING—Todd, 153 of 261 attempts for 1,961 yards and 14 TDs. 3rd.
RECEIVING—Walker, 39 receptions for 620 yards, 15.9 avg., 6 TDs. 8th.
INTERCEPTIONS—Jackson, 5 for 84 yards, 16.8 avg. 1 TD. 2nd.
PUNTING—Ramsey, 35 punts, 38.5 avg., longest 54 yards. 12th.
PUNT RETURNS—Harper, 23 for 184 yards, 8.0 avg. 8th.
KICKOFF RETURNS—Harper, 18 for 368 yards, 20.4 avg. 13th.

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	7	At New York Giants (N)	
	13	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (at Giants Stadium, N)	
	18	At Cincinnati (N)	
	27	At New Orleans (N)	
September	4	At San Diego	—
	11	SEATTLE	—
	18	At New England	31-7
	25	LOS ANGELES RAMS	—
October	3	At Buffalo (N)	—
	9	At Cleveland	—
	16	MIAMI	28-45
	23	ATLANTA	—
	30	At San Francisco	—
November	6	BALTIMORE	37-0
	13	BUFFALO	—
	21	At New Orleans (N)	—
	27	NEW ENGLAND	—
December	4	At Baltimore	—
	10	PITTSBURGH	—
	16	At Miami (N)	19-20



plays the opposite guard. His left sometimes obscures another of his assets—smarts. He doesn't take dumb penalties. Chris Ward, the other tackle, still does, a though not in the quantity he used to take them.

"We're three, four years away from our prime," claims Powe. He may be right. The line has a new coach this season, Jim Ringo, the Green Bay Hall of Fame center.

There's some question whether Walton will have the same sort of patience with place-kicker Pat Leahy that Michaels showed. It might have been a case of too much patience. Leahy had fair stats, 11 field goals in 17 tries, but he missed some important kicks in big games, especially against Miami. Stu Crum of Tu-Su was drafted on the final round.

Pat Ryan (12 for 18, two touchdowns) was Todd's backup quarterback, and a sound one, but the Jets made a move in the draft for their future when they surprised a lot of football people by taking little-known Ken O'Brien

JETS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
60	Alexander, Dan	G	6-4	260	28	7	LSU
35	Augustyniak, Mike	RB	5-11	225	27	3	Purdue
31	Barber, Marion	FB	6-3	224	24	2	Minnesota
83	Barkum, Jerome	TE	6-4	227	33	12	Jackson St.
78	Bennett, Barry	DL	6-4	257	28	6	Concordia
	Bingham, Guy	OL	6-3	255	25	4	Montana
54	Blinka, Stan	LB	6-2	230	25	5	Sam Houston
51	Buttle, Greg	LB	6-3	232	29	8	Penn St.
88	Coombs, Tom	TE	6-3	236	24	2	Idaho
50	Crabbe, Bob	LB	6-3	228	24	2	Notre Dame
55	Crosby, Ron	LB	6-3	227	28	6	Penn State
45	Crutcheid, Dwayne	FB	6-0	235	24	2	Iowa St.
25	Dierlung, Scott	RB	5-10	220	28	7	Purdue
65	Fields, Joe	C	6-2	253	30	9	Widener
38	Floyd, George	DB	5-11	190	23	2	E. Kentucky
81	Gaffney, Derrick	WR	6-1	182	28	6	Florida
99	Gastineau, Mark	DE	6-5	269	27	5	Central Okla.
94	Guilbeau, Rusty	DE	6-4	250	25	2	McNeese St.
42	Harper, Bruce	RB	5-8	177	28	7	Kutztown St.
47	Holmes, Jerry	DB	6-2	175	26	4	West Virginia
40	Jackson, Bobby	CB	5-10	180	27	6	Florida St.
27	Johnson, Jesse	DB	6-3	188	26	4	Colorado
89	Jones, Bobby	WR	5-11	185	28	6	None
80	Jones, J. "Lam"	WR	5-11	180	25	4	Texas
73	Klecko, Joe	DE	6-3	269	30	7	Temple
5	Leahy, Pat	K	6-0	189	32	10	St. Louis
71	Lusonski, Jim	OL	6-5	275	25	2	Nonwich
29	Lynn, Johnny	DB	6-0	198	27	4	UCLA
93	Lyons, Marty	DT	6-5	269	26	5	Alabama
24	McNeil, Freeman	RB	5-11	216	24	3	JCLA
56	Mehl, Lance	LB	6-3	235	25	4	Penn St.
7	Nei, Kenny	DL	6-4	244	24	3	Iowa St.
62	Pellegrini, Joe	OL	6-4	252	26	2	Harvard
79	Powell, Marvin	T	6-5	271	28	7	Southern Cal
15	Ramsey, Chuck	P	6-2	189	31	7	Wake Forest
28	Ray, Darrol	S	6-1	205	25	4	Oklahoma
61	Roman, John	T	6-4	265	31	8	Idaho St.
76	Rudolph, Ben	DL	6-5	270	26	3	Long Beach
10	Ryan, Pat	DB	6-3	210	28	6	Tennessee
74	Salaam, Abdul	DT	6-3	289	30	8	Kent St.
48	Schroy, Ken	S	6-2	198	31	7	Maryland
82	Shuler, Mickey	TE	6-3	236	27	6	Penn State
87	Sohn, Karl	WR	5-11	176	28	3	Forham
45	Springs, Kirk	DB	6-0	192	25	3	Miami (OH)
14	Todd, Richard	QB	6-2	206	30	8	Alabama
70	Waldemore, Stan	OL	6-4	269	28	6	Nebraska
85	Walker, Wasley	WR	6-0	179	28	7	California
72	Ward, Chris	T	6-3	267	28	6	Ohio St.
57	Woodring, John	LB	6-2	232	24	3	Brown

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	O'Brien, Ken	QB	6-4	210	23	Cal-Davis
2	Hector, Johnny	RB	5-11	200	23	Texas A&M
3	Townsell, Jo Jo	WR	5-9	180	23	UCLA
4	Howell, Wes	TE	6-3	220	23	California
5	Walker, John	DT	6-6	270	22	Web-Orinda
6	White, Vincent	RB	5-7	195	22	Stanford
7	Newbold, Derrin	LB	6-2	225	24	SW Missouri
8	Miller, Davlin	DB	6-1	175	23	Kentucky
9	Humphrey, Bobby	WR	5-10	170	22	New Mexico St.
10	Fike, Dan	OT	6-6	270	22	Florida
11	Harmon, Mike	WR	6-0	210	22	Mississippi
12	Crum, Stu	PK	5-7	165	24	Tulsa

Freeman McNeil (opp. page) and Richard Todd, with Stan Waldemore (#70); Darrol Ray (#28), Kenny Neil (#77), and Lance Mehl of the New York Jets

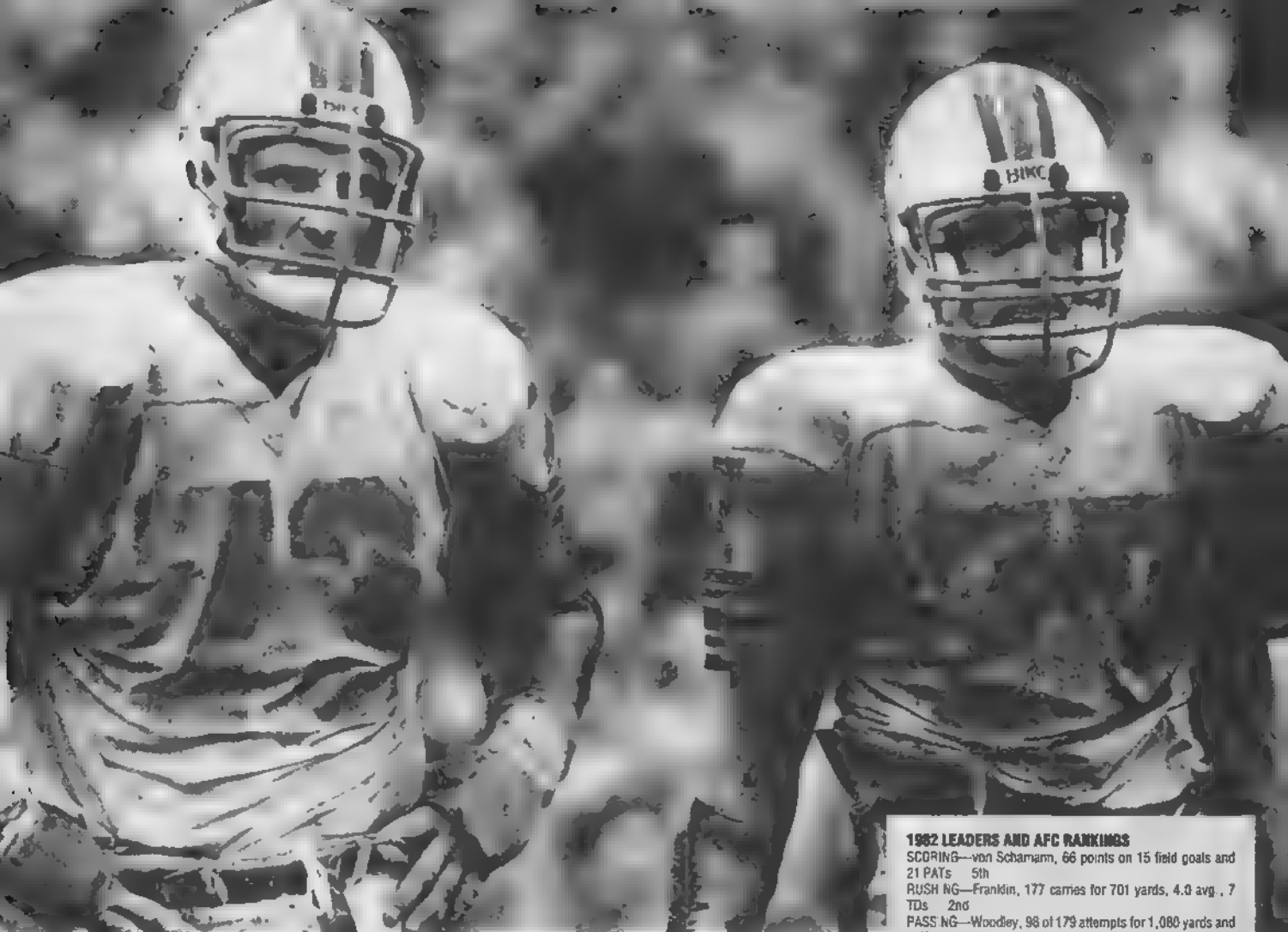
of California-Davis in the first round. The selection may have been controversial, but personnel director Mike Hickey has been so astute in past drafts that he must be given the benefit of the doubt. Besides, with Todd far from his prime, what's the rush in getting O'Brien ready?

Defensively, the Jets did not have the passing statistics of the previous season mostly because all-pro defensive end Joe Klecko suffered a knee injury in the second game of the season and didn't return until the AFC championship game. But the other leader of the New York Sack Exchange, end Mark Gastineau, had six sacks and was credited with a mind-boggling 59 pressures. He was selected for the Pro Bowl team. With Klecko down, pass-rush specialist Kenny Neil played much more and had 4½ sacks and 40 pressures. Marty Lyons helped his own reputation as one of the underrated tacklers in the NFL with a fine performance in the losing effort

against the Dolphins in the title game. He was a Pro Bowl alternate. Abdul Salaam plays well alongside him. Ben Rudolph, Rusty Guilbeau, and Barry Bennett are skilled backups.

The Jets swear that linebacker Lance Mehl belongs on the all-pro teams, and his play in the playoffs backs up that contention. He made two key interceptions to save the victory over the Raiders. Greg Buttle, who plays the other outside position, is one of the NFL's hardest knockers. Stan Blinka, the incumbent middle linebacker, may have all he can do to keep Bob Crabbe, last year's No. 1 draftee from beating him out. Crabbe was a heavy contributor in the playoff drive. The Jets also get good special-teams play from reserve line backer John Woodring.

The secondary is solidifying. With Klecko out and the pass rush weakened, the pressure was on the deep backs. They played well. The corners, Bobby Jackson and Jerry Holmes, both had good years. Darrol Ray is



the big-play man at safety, but Miami coach Don Shula thinks Ken Schroy, the other safety, is among the league's more underappreciated players. Johnny Lynn, the nickel back gave the Jets major service, since that alignment was used 50 percent of the time.

The draftees could put some spark in the special teams, which lacked something in the return game. Punter Chuck Ramsey also had a so-so year.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

The Dolphins find a way. It's Saturday, December 8. The New York Jets, having strung together five straight victories since the Dolphins beat them in Game 1, invade the Orange Bowl tied for the best record in the AFC. The Jets lead, 19-17, with less than two minutes to play and they possess the football. Miami calls a time-out, then coaxes a crucial offside penalty from all-pro tackle Marvin Powell on third-and-short. New York ends up punting. With relief quarterback Don Strock in the game, the Dolphins stage a classic march downfield and place-kicker Uwe von Schamann wins the game with a 47-yard field goal with just three seconds to play.

It's January 16, the second round of the AFC playoffs. San Diego comes to the Orange Bowl, and the predictions are for another treasure of a game, something like the one the same teams staged the year before in the same place when Miami spotted the Chargers a 24-0 lead, came back to tie, then lost in overtime. This is nothing like 1982. The Dol-

phins are a study in poise. They put 24 points on the board halfway through the second quarter, but the Chargers stage no comeback. The Dolphins' defense, tops in the NFL, strangles Dan Fouts and his spectacular collaborators with five interceptions.

It's Sunday, January 23, the AFC championship game in the Orange Bowl. Jets vs. the Dolphins again. The Jets seem to be a different team. They've beaten Cincinnati and the Raiders in their first two playoff games, both on the road. Their offense is riding high. But this is where the nickname of the Miami defense, "Killer Bees," took root. The Jets were grounded. NFL rushing champion Freeman McNeil was held to 46 yards in 17 carries. Wide receiver Wesley Walker, who has tormented Miami in the past, was held to one meaningless catch. Quarterback Richard Todd, like Fouts, was intercepted five times.

When it came time for the Pro Bowl, only three Miami players were honored. The Dolphins do not overwhelm anyone with talent, but they find a way. Mostly they find a way because Don Shula shows them how. Another chapter was added to the Shula legend in 1982. Most football people will testify in private that the Dolphins weren't *that* good. But there they were in the Super Bowl.

Shula's most noticeable handicap with these Dolphins is the lack of a first-rate quarterback. In fact he operates with two second-string quarterbacks, David Woodley and Strock. Woodley has his moments, but mostly against inferior defenses. Strock can be

1982 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—von Schamann, 66 points on 15 field goals and 21 PATs. 5th
RUSH NG—Franklin, 177 carries for 701 yards, 4.0 avg., 7 TDs. 2nd
PASS NG—Woodley, 98 of 179 attempts for 1,080 yards and 5 TDs. 10th
RECEIVING—Vigonte, 24 receptions for 186 yards, 7.8 avg. 31st
INTERCEPTIONS—McNeal, 4 for 42 yards. 10.5 avg., 1 TD. 9th
PUNTING—Droz, 35 punts, 36.7 avg., longest 61 yards. 10th
PUNT RETURNS—Vigonte, 20 for 192 yards, 9.6 avg., 1 TD. 5th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Walker, 20 for 433 yards, 21.7 avg. 11th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6 At Dallas (N)
13 NEW ORLEANS (N)
19 At Washington (N)
26 At New York Giants (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

1983 SCHEDULE	1982 SCORES
September 4 At Buffalo	9-7
11 NEW ENGLAND	—
19 At Los Angeles Raiders (N)	—
25 KANSAS CITY	—
October 2 At New Orleans	—
9 BUFFALO	27-10
16 At New York Jets	45-28
23 At Baltimore	34-7
30 LOS ANGELES RAMS	—
November 6 At San Francisco	—
13 At New England	0-3
20 BALTIMORE	24-20
28 CINCINNATI (N)	—
December 4 At Houston	—
10 ATLANTA	—
16 NEW YORK JETS (N)	20-19

effective when he's used in the right spots. The Dolphins will probably continue to operate in that fashion for a while—at least until the No. 1 draft choice, Dan Marino of Pitt., is groomed in Shula's discipline. Marino had a sub-par senior season. Much of what he did was supposedly off the-wall, undisciplined stuff, but getting him on the 27th selection in

the first round of the draft was a bargain for Miami. By the testimony of most people familiar with him, Marino is coachable, which means his free-ranging ways should be reined early by Shula.

The running game was a most exclusively fullback Andra Franklin, the 5-10, 225-pounder. He rushed for 701 yards and seven touchdowns, which put him in the Pro Bowl. He's no Larry Csonka, but Shula can control the ball with him against most defenses. Tony Nathan had an inferior year, with only 233 yards (Woodley had 207 yards in virtually half the carries). Nathan's longest run was just 15 yards. What the Dolphins need is a potential game-breaker. They may have obtained him when they signed David Overstreet, the prodigal halfback whom Miami drafted No. 1 two years ago but lost to Canada. The only liability is that Overstreet is a fumbler. The arrival of

Overstreet allows halfback Tommy Vigor to be switched to wide receiver. Vigor led the team in receiving as a halfback, with 24 catches, mostly short stuff. He has the necessary speed for deeper patterns.

The clutch receiver is Jimmy Cefalo, who could be in for bigger things. During the regular season he averaged 20.9 yards on his 17 catches, but the one everyone remembers is the 76-yard touchdown play in the Super Bowl. Duane Harris is a big-play receiver, but veteran Nat Moore may be near the end.

There are three tight ends, none of whom is brilliant, but combined they produced 30 catches and four touchdowns. Joe Rose is the major receiver among them, but Bruce Hardy caught two touchdowns passes in the playoff game against New England and Ronnie Lee caught one against San Diego.

The Miami offensive line is viewed as comparatively weak, but better than that of the Jets. Bob Baumhower was selected for the Pro Bowl but was out of town for the season due to a knee injury. He came back strong with a springtime rehabilitation program. Dwight Stephenson is one of the coming centers, although he comes out of the game in favor of Mark Dennard in passing situations when the Dolphins use the shotgun. Bob Kuechenberg starts his fourteenth season in a career which should eventually put him in the Hall of Fame, but he may be challenged by Jeff Toews, who played well when Newman got hurt. The tackles are Jon Giesler and Eric Laakso.

Von Schamann is valued highly by Shula. The kicker was during the exhibition season, and Rex Robinson kicked well in his absence, but when Uwe recovered in time for the season opener, Shula did not hesitate in letting Robinson go. Von Schamann kicked 15 field goals in 20 attempts, but his prime area is within the 40, where he was 12 for 14.

Defensively, the Dolphins introduced the next NFL folk hero, A.J. Duhe. A solid player as a defensive end, Duhe was employed as

part linebacker-part lineman by defensive coordinator Bill Arnsparger last year and flourished. He saved a 9-7 victory over Buffalo by intercepting Joe Cribbs' halfback-opt on pass in the end zone. Then in the AFC title game against the Jets, he was remarkable. He intercepted three passes, returned one for a touchdown, and set up the other Miami score. Duhe also is among the premier blitzers in the NFL. In the Jets game, he came at the New York offense from six different defensive positions. Alongside Duhe is Earnest Rhone. Bob Brudzinski is a seasoned and dependable linebacker on the outside. Sadly, Larry Gordon suffered a fatal heart attack while jogging in late June.

Nose tackle Bob Baumhower was named to the Pro Bowl squad. Shula credits him with much of the success against the ground game, and Bob can rush the passer from inside, too. The ends are imposing 6-7, 260-

DOLPHINS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college
70	Barnett, Bill	DE	6-4	260	27	4	Nebraska
73	Baumhower, Bob	DT	6-5	260	28	7	Alabama
34	Bennett, Woody	FB	6-2	222	28	4	Miami
75	Bettlers, Doug	DE	6-7	260	27	6	Nevada-Reno
72	Bishop, Richard	NT	6-1	265	33	8	Louisville
47	Blackwood, Glenn	S	6-0	186	26	5	Texas
42	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-1	188	32	11	TCU
58	Bokamp, Kum	DE	6-6	250	29	7	San Jose St.
56	Bowser, Charles	LB	6-3	222	24	2	Duke
59	Brudzinski, Bob	LB	6-4	230	28	7	Ohio St.
81	Cefalo, Jimmy	WR	5-11	188	27	6	Penn. St.
76	Clark, Steve	DT	6-4	255	23	2	Utah
63	Dennard, Mark	C	6-1	252	28	5	Texas A&M
33	Diana, Rich	RB	5-9	220	23	2	Yale
77	Duhe, A.J.	LB	6-4	248	28	7	LSU
85	Dueter, Mark	WR	5-9	185	24	2	NW La.
61	Foster, Ray	OL	6-4	275	23	2	Southern Cal.
31	Giesler, Jon	FB	5-10	225	24	3	Nebraska
32	Giesler, Jon	T	6-5	260	27	5	Michigan
74	Green, Cleveland	T	6-3	252	26	5	Southern
84	Hardy, Bruce	TE	6-4	230	27	6	Arizona St.
82	Harris, Duane	WR	5-11	176	29	8	New Mexico St.
68	Hester, Vince	WR	6-0	185	24	2	Central St.
53	Hester, Ron	LB	6-1	218	24	2	Florida St.
41	Hester, Ron	RB	6-2	210	26	5	Memphis St.
43	Johnson, William	QB	6-4	212	25	3	Boston U.
49	Johnson, William	CB	6-1	181	24	2	S.C. St.
40	Kotlowski, Mike	S	6-0	198	27	4	Colorado
67	Kuechenberg, Bob	G	6-2	255	36	14	Notre Dame
68	Laakso, Eric	T	6-4	265	27	6	Tulane
44	Lankford, Paul	CB	6-1	178	25	2	Penn. St.
86	Lee, Ronnie	TE	6-3	236	27	5	Baylor
28	McNeal, Don	CB	5-11	192	25	4	Alabama
69	Moore, Nat	WR	5-9	188	32	10	Florida
22	Nathan, Tony	RB	6-0	206	27	5	Alabama
64	Newman, Ed	G	6-2	255	32	11	Duke
3	Orosz, Tom	P	6-1	204	24	3	Ohio St.
78	Poole, Ken	DE	6-3	251	25	3	NE Louisiana
54	Potter, Steve	LB	6-3	235	26	3	Virginia
55	Rhone, Earnest	LB	6-2	224	30	8	Henderson
80	Rose, Joe	S	6-3	230	26	4	California
51	Shula, Steve	LB	6-1	220	25	4	William & Mary
48	Shula, Steve	LB	5-11	192	27	6	San Jose St.
57	Stephenson, Dwight	CB	6-2	255	26	4	Alabama
10	Strock, Don	QB	6-5	220	33	10	Virginia Tech
60	Toews, Jeff	G	6-3	255	26	5	Washington
32	Vigor, Tom	RB	5-10	197	24	3	Virginia
5	Von Schamann, Uwe	K	6-0	188	27	5	Oklahoma
41	Walker, Fulton	CB	5-10	193	25	3	West Virginia
16	Woodley, David	QB	6-2	204	25	4	LSU

DRAFTTEES

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	college
1	Marshall, Joe	CB	6-3	214	22	Pittsburgh
2	Marshall, Joe	DT	6-4	263	23	Syracuse
3	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	261	23	Baylor
4	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	Nebraska
5	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	Rutgers
6	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	Nebraska
7	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	Nebraska
8	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	Nebraska
9	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	Purdue
10	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	S.C. St.
11	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	Ohio St.
12	Marshall, Joe	DE	6-4	263	23	Michigan

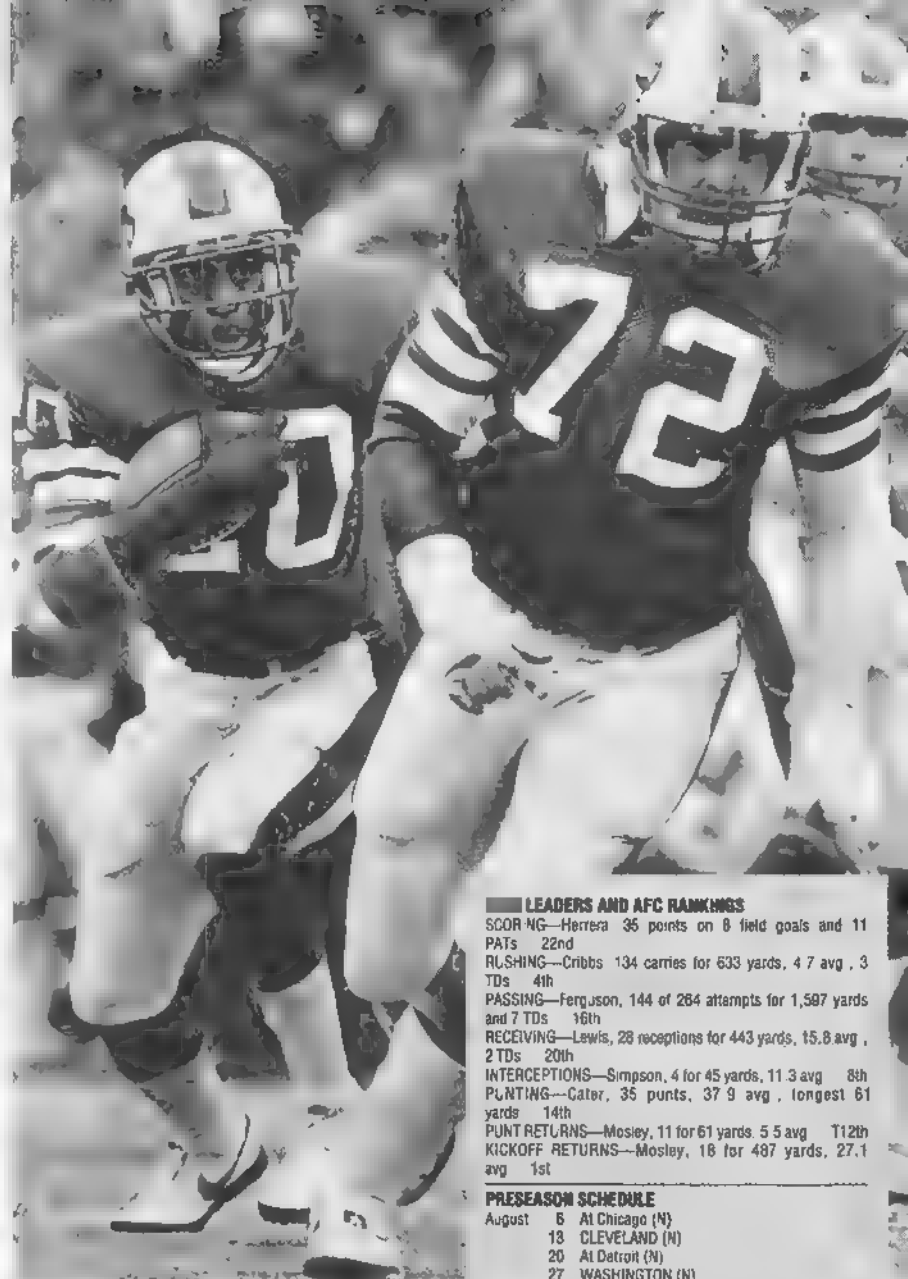
pound Doug Betters and 6-6, 260-pound Kim Bokamper, who was a linebacker at one time. Some opposing coaches think Betters is a coming all-pro. The reserves were a little thin last year, especially after Bil Barnett got hurt and missed the playoffs and Super Bowl, so Miami used its second- and third-round draft picks to take defensive linemen, Mike Charles of Syracuse and Charles Benson of Baylor.

Defensive backs had 14 of Miami's league-leading 19 interceptions. Genn Blackwood, the strong safety, had three in the last two playoff games. His brother Lyle plays free safety and together they represent two of the hardest-hitting deep backs in the league. Corner Don McNeal is of all-pro caliber and Gerald Small is a good coverage man. Nickie and dime backs Fulton Walker and Mike Kozlowski are among the best in the NFL. Walker returned a kickoff 98 yards for a Super Bowl touchdown.

Punter Tom Orosz will be challenged by rookie Reggie Roby of Iowa, college football's top punter.

BUFFALO BILLS

George Allen would have had a nervous breakdown coaching the Bills last season. There were distractions wherever you turned. There was the flap over not keeping linebacker Tom Cousineau after he came down



LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Herrera, 35 points on 8 field goals and 11 PATs 22nd
 RUSHING—Cribbs, 134 carries for 633 yards, 4.7 avg., 3 TDs 4th
 PASSING—Ferguson, 144 of 264 attempts for 1,597 yards and 7 TDs 16th
 RECEIVING—Lewis, 28 receptions for 443 yards, 15.8 avg., 2 TDs 20th
 INTERCEPTIONS—Simpson, 4 for 45 yards, 11.3 avg. 8th
 PUNTING—Cater, 35 punts, 37.9 avg., longest 61 yards 14th
 PUNT RETURNS—Mosley, 11 for 61 yards, 5.5 avg. 112th
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Mosley, 18 for 487 yards, 27.1 avg. 1st

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6 At Chicago (N)
 13 CLEVELAND (N)
 20 At Detroit (N)
 27 WASHINGTON (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

September 4 MIAMI
 11 At Cincinnati
 18 BALTIMORE
 25 HOUSTON
 October 3 NEW YORK JETS (N)
 9 At Miami
 16 At Baltimore
 23 NEW ENGLAND
 30 NEW ORLEANS
 November 6 At New England
 13 At New York Jets
 20 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS
 27 At Los Angeles Rams
 December 4 At Kansas City
 11 SAN FRANCISCO
 18 At Atlanta

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from Canada. There was much whining and sobbing about the renegotiation of contracts. When the strike came, the Bills were virtually ripped apart by factions which were anti- or pro-Ed Garvey.

Chuck Knox and Ralph Wilson kept an uneasy truce all season long, but then Knox bailed out on the final year of his contract. Wilson didn't try to keep him from doing it—and became head coach at Seattle. Kay Stephenson, the quarterback coach who was promoted to head coach after Knox left, is trying to bring about calm after the storm. One thing which may help him was the publication of the NFL players' salaries last winter. It was revealed that the Bills, who have won one playoff game in the last 17 seasons, had the sixth-highest payroll in the league. The whiners don't get much sympathy from a public which has its own problems in a depressed economy.

All things considered, Stephenson inherits

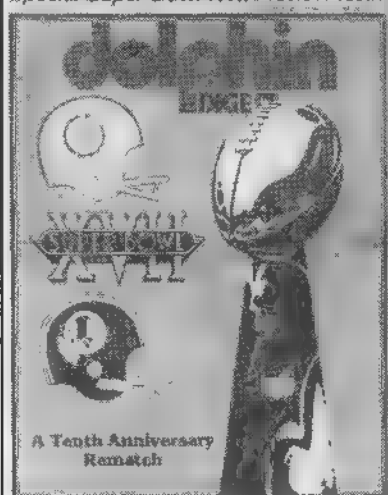
Among the key players for Buffalo are RB Joe Cribbs and OT Ken Jones (#72), LB Shane Nelson (#59), and DB Mario Clark (left).

a sound and talented football team, which should be made even stronger by what may be the best draft in the history of the franchise. For a team which did not make the playoffs, the Bills have some impressive statistics. They were the second-ranked defense in the NFL. Their pass defense also ranked second. They were the leading team in the NFL in running the ball.

The equalizer was another statistic in his first six games after play resumed following the strike, quarterback Joe Ferguson did not



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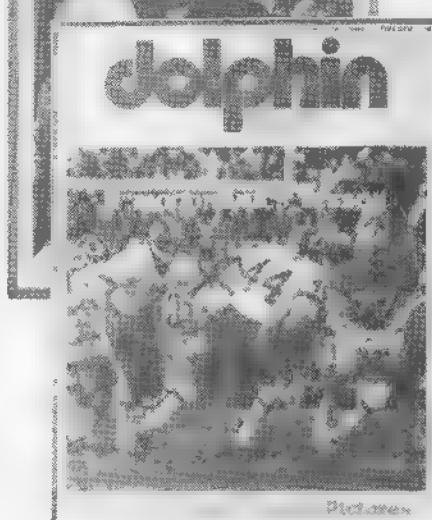
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throw a touchdown pass. He finished dead last, No. 30, in the NFL's efficiency ratings. In similar cases, the quarterback would be in heavy danger of losing his job. Ferguson may not lose his because of the Bills' situation.

Buffalo is a team with enough talent to win without having to start over. All the Bills need is reasonably good quarterbacking. Stephenson must lean on Fergy until he proves he can't cut it any longer. At age 33 and with ten years experience as a starter, Ferguson should have enough maturity to put last season behind him. If he doesn't, then Stephenson can't afford to lean more than a month before changing to Matt Kofler. The Bills' second-round draft choice last year, Kofler cost them plenty to wrest him away from Calgary of the Canadian League. The catch is that he never played. The Bills don't know much about him as a pro.

The Bills used one of their first-round draft choices to take Jim Kelly, after they were satisfied that the University of Miami quarterback had fully recovered from the separated shoulder he suffered early last season. He was valued at least as much for his background of winning big games as for his impressive arm. But the USFL made Kelly an offer he couldn't refuse, allowing him to play for the team of his choice. He selected the expansion Houston Gamblers.

There was a philosophical difference between Knox and Stephenson last season over the direction of the offense. When the Bills got into trouble, Knox went back to his conservative roots, which might explain some of the gaudy running statistics. Stephenson was in favor of opening up the passing game.

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One symbol of the more liberal offensive approach is the other first-round draftee, tight end Tony Hunter of Notre Dame. The Bills see him doing for their attack what Kellen Winslow does for San Diego's. Stephenson already has two Pro Bowl wide receivers with whom to work: Jerry Butler and Frank Lewis. Add to them Perry Tuttle, last year's No. 1 pick, plus swift Mike Mosley and Buffalo has the guts of great passing possibilities.

The key is running back Joe Cribbs, who didn't report to the Bills until after the strike because of a hassle over renegotiating his contract. Despite starting his season in November, Cribbs finished fourth in the AFC in ground gaining, with 633 yards. His 4.7-yard average was second only to Freeman McNeil among NFL starters. His 90 yards a game was the best average in the league. Cribbs is also an accomplished pass catcher, a talent which wasn't utilized much last year. Stephenson will emphasize it and make more use of the one-back 'Ace' formation. Roosevelt Leaks gained 405 yards, averaged 4.2, and scored five TDs but may have to beat out Booker Moore at fullback. There is another promising back, Van Williams, whose rookie debut was postponed by injury.

The offensive line is one of Buffalo's principal strengths. It not only opens big running holes, but has one of the finest pass-protection records in the league over the last three seasons. There is experience everywhere: Ken Jones and Joe Devlin at tackles; W. Grant at center, with Jon Borchardt, Reggie McKenzie, Tom Lynch, and Jim Richter battling at guard; Mark Brammer, the incumbent



Buffalo tight end, Jim Hunter

tight end, will be used in various combinations with Hunter.

The Bills signed Elren Herrera after the strike, but they weren't thrilled with his 8-for-14 performance. He'll get competition from veterans Fred Steinfeld and Rex Robinson.

Defensively, there are sure to be at least two changes in the veteran unit, since free safety Bill Simpson and outside linebacker Ishai Robertson retired. The rest of the secondary has been intact for five seasons: Mario Clark and Charles Romeas at corners with Steve Freeman at strong safety. Simpson's old job will be fought over by nickel back Rod Kush, ex-corner Chris Williams, and

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rookie Matt Vanden Boom of Wisconsin. The front runner, Jeff Nixon, who has been bothered by knee problems for three seasons, finally underwent surgery which will sideline him until 1984.

Another experienced player Lucius Sanford, is likely to replace Robertson. Sanford started on the other side until he lost his job to Ervin Parker last year. Pushing both of them will be the second-round draft choice, West Virginia All-America Darryl Talley, who Stephenson believes can become a dominant player. Also in the future is fourth-round pick Trey Junkin of Louisiana Tech, whose 4.4 time in the 40 could make him the fastest linebacker in the NFL. Jim Hastett is solid at one inside linebacker position, with last year's rookie sensation, Eugene Marve, a potential star alongside him.

The line sent two of its three members to

the Pro Bowl last year—pass-rushing ace Ben Williams and nose tackle Fred Smerlas. Sherman White, the other end, often flirts with retirement until just before the season opens, but this time the Bills may take him up on it if their gamble on Georgia's Jimmy Payne works out. Payne was selected on the fourth round. If he had not undergone four arthrograms on his knees last season, he might have been a first-rounder, since he was recognized at one time as the finest pass rusher in college football. Buffalo gambled by trading a third-round pick in 1984 for the right to draft him at the end of the fourth round this year. When the Bills move into the four-man front on passing situations, Ken Johnson is the extra man.

Mosley led the NFL in kickoff returns last year, with a 271-yard average, but the Bills could use some improvement in punt returns. Punter Greg Cater averaged a mediocre 37.9 yards, but he is master of the tricky winds in Rich Stadium and 13 of his 35 kicks landed inside the 20 in 1982.

Stephenson's new staff includes defensive coordinator Bob Zeman, who moves from Denver and secondary coach Jerry Glanville. Atlanta's defensive coordinator for the last four years.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

There is a debate in New England about Ron Meyer's prospects of succeeding as head coach of the Patriots. On one side of the argument is Meyer and the Patriot management which hired him. On the other side is a faction of veteran players who say his methods and approach don't belong in pro football. One of the leaders and spokesman for the latter group is John Hannah, considered by his peers to be the best offensive lineman in the NFL. Hannah feels so strongly about his neg-

ative vibes concerning Meyer that he announced his "retirement" last May, saying he was "tired of playing with a loser."

The leader so far in this debate is Meyer. The available evidence is on his side: he took over a team with a 2-14 record the season before and coached it to the playoffs. O.K., so it was an asterisk season. The fact is that the Patriots won two of their last four games to make it. In their final game of the season, the Pats were coming off a disastrous 37-14 loss to Pittsburgh which almost finished them. Their final opponent was Buffalo, a playoff team the previous two seasons. It was either the Pats or the Bills for the 1982 playoffs. The Pats didn't run for the bus. They whipped the favored Bills, 30-19.

That gives Meyer a clear lead in this debate with Hannah and the rest of the dissenters, but the discussion isn't over. For instance, Meyer and his offensive assistants must prove that they know something about the passing game. They succeeded to an extent in New England by doing what they succeeded with at Southern Methodist, the run. New England's passing attack finished last in the NFL. Defensively, they have to prove they can stop the run, which is always the first step in good defense. They finished 25th in that category last year.

"The fact that we finished 28th in the league in total passing yardage can be misleading in light of the fact that we had the fewest amount of passes attempted," argues Meyer. "More important are the results and productivity of our passing game. For the second straight year the Patriots led the entire league in average gain per completion (15.27 yards) and we had one of the lowest interception rates (4.8%) in the league. We also had the highest touchdown percentage in the NFL."

They also played with two second-string quarterbacks, Steve Grogan and Matt Cavan-

The Patriots' Mark van Eeghen



LEADERS AND THE HANDS

SCORING—J. Smith, 21 points on 5 field goals and 6 PATS. 35th.

RUSHING—Collins, 164 carries for 632 yards, 3.9 avg., 1 TD. 5th.

PASSING—Grogan, 66 of 122 attempts for 930 yards and 7 TDs. 4th.

RECEIVING—Morgan, 28 receptions for 584 yards, 20.9 avg., 3 TDs. 19th.

INTERCEPTIONS—Haynes, 4 for 26 yards, 6.5 avg., 11th.

PUNTING—Camarillo, 49 punts, 43.7 avg., longest 76 yards. 3rd.

PLNT RETURNS—R. Smith, 16 for 139 yards, 8.7 avg. 6th.

KICKOFF RETURNS—R. Smith, 24 for 567 yards, 23.6 avg., 1 TD. 3rd.

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6 Pittsburgh (at Knoxville, TN)

13 At San Francisco

20 At Los Angeles Rams (N)

26 At Tampa Bay (N)

1983 SCHEDULE 1982 SCORES

Date	Opponent	Score
September 4	BALTIMORE	—
11	At Miami	7-31
18	NEW YORK JETS	14-37
25	At Pittsburgh	—
October 2	SAN FRANCISCO	24-13
9	At Baltimore	—
16	SAN DIEGO	—
23	At Buffalo	—
30	At Atlanta	—
November 6	BUFFALO	30-19
13	At Miami	3-0
20	CLEVELAND	7-10
27	At New York Jets	—
December 4	NEW ORLEANS	—
11	At Los Angeles Rams	—
18	At Seattle	16-0

BILLS VETERAN ROSTER

NFL									
no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college		
84	Barnell, Buster	TE	6-5	225	25	3	Jackson St.		
73	Borchardt, Jon	T	6-5	255	26	5	Montana St.		
86	Brammer, Mark	TE	6-3	235	25	4	Michigan St.		
47	Brown, Curtis	RB	5-10	203	29	7	Missouri		
80	Butler, Jerry	WR	6-0	178	26	5	Clemson		
7	Cater, Greg	P	6-0	191	26	4	Tenn.-Chattanooga		
29	Clark, Mario	CB	6-2	195	29	8	Oregon		
20	Cribbs, Joe	RB	5-11	190	25	4	Auburn		
78	Cross, Justin	T	6-6	257	24	2	Western St.		
70	Devlin, Joe	T	6-5	250	29	8	Iowa		
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	195	33	11	Arkansas		
85	Franklin, Byron	WR	6-1	179	25	2	Auburn		
22	Freeman, Steve	S	5-11	185	30	9	Mississippi St.		
53	Grant, Will	C	6-4	248	29	6	Kentucky		
56	Hastett, Jim	LB	6-3	232	28	5	Indiana (PA)		
1	Herrera, Efran	K	6-9	190	32	9	UCLA		
87	Holt, Robert	WR	6-1	182	24	2	Baylor		
25	Hooks, Roland	RB	6-0	195	30	8	N.C. St.		
97	Irvin, Darrell	DE	6-4	255	25	4	Oklahoma		
91	Johnson, Ken	DE	6-5	253	28	5	Knoxville		
72	Jones, Ken	T	6-5	250	31	8	Arkansas St.		
52	Keating, Chris	LB	6-2	223	26	5	Maine		
10	Koller, Matt	CB	6-3	192	24	2	San Diego St.		
42	Kush, Rod	S	6-0	188	27	4	Omaha		
48	Leads, Roosevelt	RB	5-10	225	30	9	Texas		
82	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	36	13	Grambling		
60	Lumpkin, Joey	LB	6-2	230	23	2	Arizona St.		
61	Lynch, Tom	G	6-5	250	28	7	Boston College		
54	Marve, Eugene	LB	6-2	230	23	2	Saginaw Valley		
67	McKenzie, Reggie	G	6-5	242	33	12	Michigan		
33	McKnight, Ted	RB	6-1	212	29	7	Duquesne		
34	Moore, Booker	FB	5-11	224	24	2	Penn. St.		
88	Mosley, Mike	WR	6-2	192	25	2	Texas A&M		
59	Nelson, Shane	LB	6-1	225	28	6	Baylor		
38	Nixon, Jeff	S	6-3	190	27	5	Richmond		
62	Parker, Ervin	LB	6-5	240	25	4	S.C. St.		
89	Phocine, Lou	WR	5-9	175	34	10	West Liberty		
45	Riddick, Robb	RB	6-0	195	26	2	Millersville		
51	Ritcher, Jim	OL	6-3	251	25	4	N.C. St.		
26	Romes, Charles	CB	6-1	190	29	7	N.C. Central		
99	Roodman, Mark	NT	6-5	254	25	2	Boston College		
57	Sanford, Lucius	LB	6-2	216	27	6	Georgia Tech		
76	Smerlas, Fred	NT	6-3	270	26	5	Boston College		
81	Tuttle, Perry	WR	6-0	178	24	2	Clemson		
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-2	225	34	12	Bowling Green		
65	Vogler, Tim	C	6-3	245	27	5	Ohio St.		
83	White, Sherman	DE	6-5	250	35	12	California		
77	Williams, Ben	DE	6-3	245	29	8	Mississippi		
27	Williams, Chris	CB	6-0	197	24	3	LSU		

ROOKIE ROSTER

rd.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	college
1	Hunter, Tony	TE	6-4	237	23	Notre Dame
1	Kelly, Jim	QB	6-2	205	23	Miami
2	Talley, Darryl	LB	6-3	231	23	West Virginia
4	Junkin, Trey	LB	6-2	221	22	La. Tech
4	Payne, Jimmy	DE	6-3	264	23	Georgia
5	Vanden Boom, Matt	DB	6-3	201	23	Wisconsin
7	Brown, Gurnest	DT	6-3	272	24	Maryland
8	Durham, James	DB	6-0	193	24	Houston
9	Parker, George	RB	5-9	188	25	Norfolk
10	Tharpe, Richard	DT	6-3	237	23	Louisville
11	White, Larry	DE	6-3	251	22	Jackson St.
12	Dawkins, Julius	WR	6-1	196	22	Pittsburgh

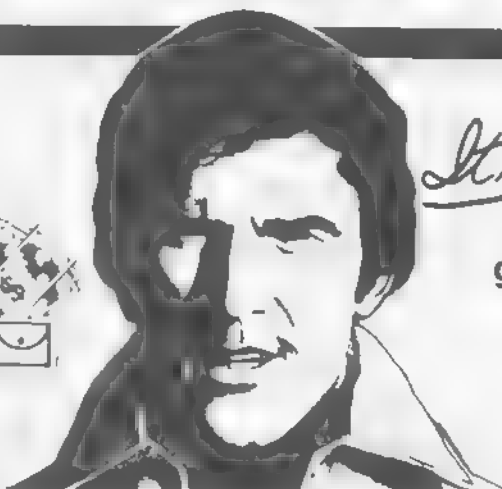
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AFC East

Considering the divided attitude of his squad, Meyer can't very well award the quarterback role to Eason automatically. The rookie will have to battle Grogan and Cavanaugh. But Eason was schooled in the pro style by coach Mike White at Illinois. He is a smart quarterback who is cool and willing to stay in the pocket and take his licks, a sterling quality for a passer in a young offense. Don't discount the possibility of him starting before the season is very old.

Before Hannah made his retirement announcement, Meyer said, "We may we have the best offensive line in the NFL." He may have been exaggerating only slightly. Pete Brock has quietly advanced to rank among the best centers in the league. Brian Holloway is a corner at tackle. Ron Wooten won a starting guard slot as a rookie, and Shelby Jordan is well-seasoned at the other tackle. If Hannah does stay home or is traded, his successor would be ex-starter Bob Cryder, who suffered a knee injury early last season. Dwight Wheeler is an experienced sub tackle, and Darryl Haley spent his rookie year converting from guard to tackle. Steve Moore of Tennessee State was drafted in the third round.

There is no question this line can run-block. The Patriots finished second in the NFL in rushing, with Anthony Collins, (632 yards and a 3.7-yard average) finishing fourth individually in the AFC. Collins also catches the ball well. New England not only got the expected leadership from ex-Raider fullback Mark van Eeghen, but surprising production, a 4.7-yard average. Watch for improvement from Robert Weathers, who played just briefly in 1982. A signal that Meyer feels confident about his backs was that the first running back drafted by the Pats was Craig James, the former SMU star, who is playing with the USFL's Washington Federals and has several years left on his contract with them.

Defensively, the Pats leaned on last year's draft, with three high selections winning jobs in the starting alignment and two others playing a lot. The two first-round picks, end Ken Sims and nose tackle Lester Williams, made up two thirds of the defensive line. Sims was an odd case. Considered the only "franchise" player in the 1982 draft, he started feebly, then picked up some momentum later in the year. He was not the dominant player scouts

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Running back Tony Collins (#33), offensive guard Bob Cryder (#75), and wide receiver Stanley Morgan lead the New England Patriots.

ough. Now they have Tony Eason of Illinois whom they drafted on the first round. The draft, in fact, was a signal that the Patriots are serious about implementing a passing attack. After Eason was chosen, they selected two blazing-fast wide receivers, Darryl Wilson of Tennessee and Stephen Starring of McNeese State. After them came tight end Darryl Lewis of Texas-Arlington, another flier. All three will require work. Wilson's skills were barely scratched in college. Starring was an option quarterback who is projected as a pro receiver. Lewis is a tall, skinny guy who will be more valued for his ability to run deep patterns than for his blocking.

It's essential that either Wilson or Starring comes through in a hurry. Stanley Morgan, one of the best deep receivers in the NFL, finished nineteenth in the AFC in pass catching last season, although his 20.9-yard-per-catch average was in the top four. Morgan's

problem is that the defense overplayed him. Since the next-most-productive Patriot wide receiver caught six passes.

Meyer considers Lin Dawson and Don Hasselbeck "co-starters" at tight end, which may mean that it's phase-out time for the veteran Hasselbeck, who is not in the pro-Meyer camp. One thing in Hasselbeck's favor is that he did make the touchdown catch which put the team in the playoffs. It was his only score of the year.



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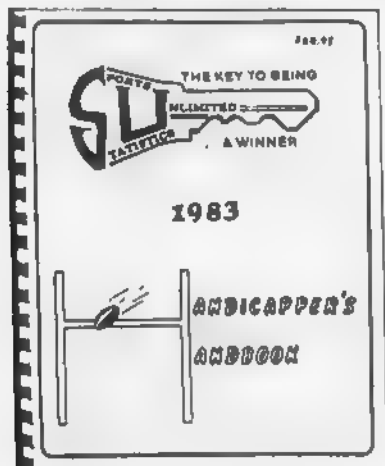
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pred cled he would be but he demonstrated that he has that sort of ability. He tied for the team lead in sacks and led in quarterback pressures. Williams improved as the season wore on despite spending the entire ten-game schedule with his wrist encased in a cast. The other starter is 11-year pro Julius Adams, the only experienced lineman among the seven whom New England carried last year. The reserves are thin: one reason Smiley Creswell of Michigan State was drafted in the third round. He's an end.

Clayton Weisshuhn was the third rookie starter at inside linebacker, where he was the

team's second-leading tackler. The outside linebackers, Don Blackmon and Larry McGrew, were not rookies but they never started before. The backups, rookies Andre Tippett and Brian Ingram, played a lot. Tippett in particular has great possibilities. Clemson's Johnny Remberi was drafted in the fourth round.

The Pats still have one of the best secondaries in the NFL. Mike Haynes made the Pro Bowl again, and Raymond Clayborn is first-rate. There was a switch, with Rick Sanford moving from strong to free safety and Rod James regaining his strong-safety spot. Sanford had a 99-yard interception return against the Chicago Bears, and James ended the Pats' 3-0 victory over Miami with an interception.

Ricky Smith became a valuable return man in his rookie season, taking back both punts and kickoffs. He had a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Veteran place-kicker John Smith (five field goals in eight tries after recovering from injury) could be challenged by rookie Mike Bass of Illinois. Punter Rich Camarillo had a 43.7-yard average and was selected for one all-pro team.

BALTIMORE COLTS

The Colts have a head start on finding a title for their 1983 highlight film: "Making the Best of a Bad Situation." What other pro football team ever experienced a winless season, followed by the implication of their expensive rookie quarterback in serious gambling trouble, followed by the out-and-out refusal of their first draft choice, the most valued college quarterback in a general on, to play for them?

Nothing personal against the city of Baltimore. It is history-rich. Its new Harbor Place is impressive. Its people warm. The problem is that its football franchise is owned by one of the most inconsistent moguls in the NFL and it is coached by a man whom a lot of people do not want to play for.

When John Elway, Stanford's wunderkind quarterback, flatly refused to sign with the Colts after they had drafted him No. 1, he was not operating from hearsay. For one thing, he knew that the last time the Colts had played a game their quarterback was sacked seven times, and Elway had gone through enough running for his life in college. More important, his father Jack, is a major-college head coach at San Jose State and he did not want his son playing for Frank Kush, whose coaching methods are the opposite of his own.

After Baltimore defied the odds and drafted Elway, then had to trade him to Denver less than a week later, the players they received in return backed too. Northwestern offensive tackle Chris Hinton, who hadn't signed yet, threatened to sign with the JSFL. Backup quarterback Mark Herrmann threatened to retire. They had heard too many war stories about Frank Kush.

At the beginning of last season, it appeared that Kush might succeed with his drill instructor's approach. The Colts were highly competitive in their first two games. They hustled, were aggressive, and played hungrily. After the eight-week pause for the players' strike, there was disaster at the beginning: two consecutive shutouts by the Jets and Buffalo. There was also disaster at the end, blowouts at the hands of San Diego and Miami. Those



phases were sandwiched around some mediocrity, including the season's high point, a 20-10 tie with Green Bay, a playoff team.

There are two ways of looking at the post-strike cave-in. The pro-Kush view is that the players lost their conditioning edge during the strike, that the learning process of the young players in Kush's new system was interrupted and that the coaches were virtually forced to start over. The anti-Kush view is that players simply rebelled mentally against returning to boot camp.

A lot about this team can be summed up by numbers. It's the youngest team in the league, with an average age of 24.87 and only 19 years of NFL experience. Of the 31 new faces on the club, two thirds (21) were entering their first year in the NFL. The offense had five new starters and the defense seven. Six of the 22 starters were rookies. But the most damning

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SCORING—Wood, 24 points on 6 field goals and 8 PATs. .727th.
RUSHING—McMillan, 101 carries for 305 yards, 3.0 avg., 1 TD. 16th.
PASSING—Pagel, 111 of 221 attempts for 1,261 yards and 5 TDs. 11th.
RECEIVING—Bouza, 22 receptions for 287 yards, 13.0 avg., 2 TDs. 37th.
INTERCEPTIONS—Anderson, 2 for 25 yards, 12.5 avg. 33rd.
PUNTING—Stark, 46 punts, 44.4 avg., longest 60 yards. 2nd.
PUNT RETURNS—Anderson 8 for 54 yards, 6.8 avg. unranked.
KICKOFF RETURNS—Anderson, 27 for 517 yards, 19.1 avg. 19th.

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20 At Miami
27 At Cleveland
December 4 NEW YORK JETS
11 At Denver
18 HOUSTON

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PATRIOTS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
85	Adams, Julius	DE	6-3	270	35	12	Texas Southern
55	Blackmon, Don	LB	5-3	245	25	3	Tulsa
68	Bradshaw, Morris	WR	6-1	195	31	10	Ohio St.
58	Brock, Pete	C	6-5	275	29	8	Colorado
51	Brown, Preston	WR	5-11	187	25	3	Vanderbilt
3	Camarillo, Rich	P	5-11	191	24	3	Washington
12	Cavanaugh, Matt	QB	6-2	212	27	6	Pittsburgh
65	Clark, Steve	T	6-5	270	24	2	Kansas St.
26	Clayborn, Ray	CB	6-0	186	28	7	Texas
33	Collins, Tony	RB	5-11	203	24	3	East Carolina
44	Cowan, Larry	RB	5-11	194	23	2	Jackson St.
91	Crump, George	DE	6-4	260	24	2	East Carolina
75	Cryder, Bob	G	6-4	293	27	6	Alabama
87	Dawson, Jim	TE	6-9	240	24	3	N.C. St.
47	Dembski, Paul	DB	6-0	185	27	4	Univ. of
43	Ferguson, Vegas	RB	6-0	213	26	3	Notre Dame
10	Flick, Tom	QB	6-1	190	25	3	Washington
59	Golden, Tim	LB	6-2	220	24	2	Florida
14	Grogan, Steve	DB	6-4	210	30	9	Kansas St.
68	Halley, Danny	T	6-4	279	22	2	Utah
73	Hannah, John	G	6-3	265	32	11	Alabama
80	Hasselbeck, Don	TE	6-7	245	28	7	Colorado
40	Haynes, Mike	CB	6-2	202	30	8	Arizona St.
70	Henson, Luther	NT	6-0	275	24	2	Ohio State
76	Holloway, Brian	T	6-7	288	24	3	Stanford
51	Ingram, Brian	LB	6-4	230	24	2	Tennessee
38	James, Roland	S	6-2	191	25	4	Tennessee
83	Jones, Cedric	WR	5-11	184	23	2	Duke
74	Jordan, Shelby	T	6-7	280	31	8	Washington (MO)
22	Lee, Keith	DB	5-11	193	26	3	Colorado St.
31	Marion, Fred	DB	6-2	196	24	2	Miami
50	McGrew, Larry	LB	6-5	233	26	3	Southern Cal.
85	Moigan, Stanley	WR	5-11	181	28	7	Tennessee
57	Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2	230	32	10	North Dakota St.
98	Owens, Dennis	NT	6-1	252	23	2	N.C. St.
25	Sanford, Rick	S	6-1	192	26	5	South Carolina
77	Sims, Kenneth	DE	6-5	279	24	2	Texas
1	Smith, John	K	6-0	185	35	10	Stamington (Eng.)
27	Smith, Ricky	DE	6-0	174	23	2	Alabama St.
78	Spears, Ron	DE	6-6	255	24	2	San Diego St.
30	Talupou, Mose	FB	6-0	227	28	6	Southern Cal.
56	Tippett, Andre	LB	6-3	231	24	2	Iowa
82	Toler, Ken	WR	6-2	191	24	3	Mississippi
34	van Eeghen, Mark	QB	6-2	220	31	10	Colgate
24	Weathers, Robert	RB	6-2	217	23	2	Arizona St.
53	Weisshuhn, Clayton	LB	6-2	220	24	2	Angelo St.
62	Wheeler, Dwight	C	6-3	269	28	5	Tennessee St.
72	Williams, Lester	NT	6-3	272	24	2	Miami
61	Woolen, Ron	G	6-4	280	24	2	North Carolina
54	Zamber, John	LB	6-2	226	27	5	Pac. Lutheran

1983 ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Eason, Tony	QB	6-4	216	24	Illinois
2	Wilson, Darryl	WR	6-0	182	23	Tennessee
3	Starning, Stephen	WR	5-10	172	22	McKeesee St.
4	Moore, Steve	OG	6-4	287	23	Tennessee St.
5	Remberi, Johnny	LB	6-3	234	22	Clemson
6	Creswell, Smiley	DE	6-4	251	24	Michigan St.
7	Lewis, Darryl	TE	6-6	226	22	Texas-Arlington
8	Bass, Mike	PK	5-11	218	23	Illinois
9	James, Craig	RB	6-0	215	22	SMU
10	Lippett, Ronnie	DE	5-11	180	23	Miami
11	Williams, Ricky	RB	6-0	195	23	Langston
12	Keel, Mark	TE	6-3	230	22	Arizona
13	Williams, James	TE	6-1	227	22	Wyoming
14	Williams, Toby	DE	6-3	225	24	Nebraska
15	Ramsey, Tom	DB	6-0	189	22	UCLA
16	Parker, Steve	WR	5-9	167	24	Ab. Christian
17	Eason, Calvin	DB	5-11	192	24	Houston
18	Kelly, Waddell	RB	6-2	208	24	Arkansas St.
19	Ekers, Andy	OT	6-6	263	22	Missouri



**Coach Frank Kush (left) moved
linebacker Johnnie Cooks (above)
inside, where he flourished.**

numbers were 0-8-1 the won-lost record and 236-112, evidence that the Colts were outscored by more than two to one.

Kush may have to start all over again this season. As many as five drafted rookies could start. Maybe more. One of the priorities will be to rebuild the psyche of Mike Page,

who was the starting quarterback as a rookie last season. Page threw for 1,281 yards and five touchdowns in that learning year. His most valuable asset may be the ability to scramble. His confidence may have been shaken more than a trifle by all the talk of Elway during the spring. Page hardly got a mention. He won the job against odds last year. He was the team's fourth-round draft choice. The Colts used one of their first-round picks to select Art Schlichter of Ohio State, but Schlichter was far less impressive in the preseason games than Page. And this year Page won't have Schlichter chasing him. A suspension hangs over Schlichter as the result of his admission that he lost \$389,000 to four Baltimore bookmakers since last fall. Gambling of that sort for players is one of the principal no-nos in the NFL.

Without an Elway or Schlichter, the Colts are likely to emphasize their running game this season. Kush says that running back "is probably the strongest position on our team. Baltimore lines up with two first-round backs, Curtis Dickey and Randy McMillan. 'McMillan did an exceptionally good job,' says Kush. 'He blocked and ran well.' There are no paeans of praise for Dickey, who can be temperamental. Kush planned to feature him as a receiver, but he says the strike interrupted those plans. Dickey, when he's in the mood, can be one of the NFL's foremost game-breakers. Zach Dixon is a handy guy who had the team's best per-carry average, 4.3 yards.

The offensive line is in a state of change. John Sinnott moved to left tackle and Nat Hudson to left guard last season. Ray Donaldson is described as solid by Kush. Veter-

ans Ken Huff and Jeff Hart play right guard and tackle, respectively. But Hinton has to play somewhere, and Sid Abramowitz of Tulsa, another draftee, could challenge.

The Colts used a combination of tight ends with Tim Sherwin starting and Reese, McCall and Pat Beach getting playing time. It gets a little thin at wide receiver. Raymond Butler, who has had some good moments and still possesses speed, is the best. Matt Bouza started as a rookie. Rookie Phil Smith of San Diego State, an ex-quarterback with a lot of speed, could challenge for a starting job.

There probably will be a number of changes on defense, especially since defensive coordinator Bud Carson left the Colts after one year. It should be stronger up the middle, if nowhere else. Barry Krauss, on the verge of being written off as a flop first-round pick, finally found himself as an inside linebacker and was credited with playing better after the strike, no small compliment considering the performance of the rest of the club. Kush says Krauss is more confident now. The other inside position belongs to Johnnie Cooks, one of last year's No. 1s, who floundered as an outside backer at first. Kush credits him with "an exceptionally good job." The nose tackle, Leo Wisniewski, is a good player who started as a rookie despite an early-season injury. George Achica of Southern California, the third-round draft pick, was lost to the USFL. Nesby Glasgow is considered the best of the defensive backs because he is an exceptional tackler from his free-safety position. He may, however, be moved to strong safety.

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26	Anderson, Kim	CB	5-10	182	26	4 Arizona
30	Anderson, Larry	S	5-11	188	27	6 La. Tech
87	Barney, Elmer	WR	6-0	195	26	4 Minnesota
81	Beach, Pat	TE	6-4	243	24	2 Washington St.
85	Bouza, Matt	WR	6-3	211	24	2 California
52	Bracelin, Greg	LB	6-1	210	26	4 California
45	Burroughs, James	CB	6-1	192	25	2 Michigan State
80	Bulter, Ray	WR	6-2	195	27	4 Southern Cal
98	Cooks, Johnnie	LB	6-4	243	25	2 Mississippi
73	Crosby, Cleveland	DE	6-5	250	27	2 Arizona
75	Crouch, Terry	G	6-2	278	24	2 Oklahoma
34	Delaney, Jeff	S	6-1	197	27	4 Pittsburgh
33	Dickey, Curtis	RB	6-0	209	27	4 Texas A&M
31	Dixon, Zachary	RB	6-1	204	27	5 Temple
53	Donaldson, Ray	C	6-4	260	27	4 Georgia
72	Durham, Steve	DE	6-5	255	25	2 Clemson
78	Foley, Tim	T	6-6	275	25	2 Notre Dame
28	Franklin, Cleveland	FB	6-2	216	28	6 Baylor
25	Glasgow, Neasey	S	5-10	180	26	5 Washington
91	Green, Bubba	DT	6-4	278	26	2 N.C. St.
	Griffin, Wade	T	6-5	278	29	6 Mississippi
68	Hart, Jeff	T	6-5	272	30	7 Oregon
42	Hatchett, Derrick	CB	5-11	183	25	4 Texas
27	Hemphill, Darryl	S	6-0	195	23	2 West Texas St.
88	Henry, Bernard	WR	6-0	185	23	2 Arizona St.
	Herrmann, Mark	QB	6-4	185	24	3 Purdue
63	Hudson, Neil	G	6-3	265	26	3 Georgia
62	Huff, Ken	G	6-4	259	30	9 North Carolina
57	Humiston, Mike	LB	6-3	238	24	3 Weber State
92	Hunter, James	NT	6-5	251	26	2 Southern Cal
94	Jenkins, Fletcher	DE	6-2	258	24	2 Washington
51	Jones, Ricky	LB	6-2	222	24	7 Tuskegee
55	Krauss, Barry	LB	6-3	232	26	5 Alabama
86	McCall, Reese	TE	6-6	238	27	6 Auburn
32	McMillan, Randy	FB	6-0	220	25	3 Pittsburgh
	Miller, Dan	K	5-10	172	23	2 Miami
65	Moore, Jimmy	G	6-5	268	26	2 Ohio State
49	Odum, Cliff	LB	6-2	225	25	3 Texas
60	Paden, Gary	LB	6-2	246	25	2 Arizona St.
16	Paget, Mike	QB	6-2	201	23	2 Arizona St.
83	Shenwin, Tim	TE	6-6	237	25	3 Boston College
54	Shiver, Sanders	LB	6-2	227	28	8 Carson-Newman
96	Simmons, Dave	LB	6-5	219	26	3 North Carolina
79	Sinnott, John	T	6-4	275	25	3 Brown
84	Smith, Holden	WR	6-1	191	25	3 California
3	Stark, Rohn	P	6-3	195	24	2 Florida St.
90	Taylor, Hosea	DE	6-5	260	25	2 Houston
99	Thompson, Donnell	DE	6-4	254	25	3 North Carolina
64	J.T. Benn	G	6-4	255	24	2 Georgia Tech
69	Wisniewski, Leo	NT	6-2	263	24	2 Penn St.
38	Wright, Johnnie	RB	6-2	210	25	2 S.C. Columbia

		DRAFT PICKS				
rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Elway, John	QB	6-4	202	22	Stanford
2	Maxwell, Vernon	LB	6-2	228	22	Arizona St.
3	Adams, George	DT	6-5	270	22	Southern Cal
4	Smith, Phil	WR	6-3	190	23	San Diego St.
5	Abramowitz, Sid	OT	6-5	273	23	Tulsa
6	Fassel, Grant	C	6-7	270	23	Ab. Christian
7	Moore, Alvin	RB	6-0	197	24	Arizona St.
9	Miller, Jim	OT	6-8	278	22	Hawaii
9	Rose, Chris	DT	6-5	260	22	Stanford
10	Hopkins, Ronald	DB	5-11	175	23	Murray St.
11	Taylor, Jim Bob	WR	5-10	180	23	Texas Southern



Mike Pagel is still the Colts' No. 1 quarterback; Barry Krauss had a good year at inside LB.

Arizona State comes with a reputation as a guy who is hard to handle, but if he wants he can challenge one of the outside linebackers. Dave Simmons or Greg Bracelin. Bracelin graded out highest among all linebackers on the Colts after they claimed him on waivers in training camp. James Burroughs and Derrick Hatchett will start at cornerback again, with Larry Anderson and Jeff Delaney, who comes off the injured list, battling for the safety spot opposite Glasgow.

Place kicker Dan Miller was a late pickup who set a Colts' record with a 58-yard field goal in his four-for-eight performance. Rookie Rohn Stark averaged 44.4 yards a punt and didn't have one blocked, which is amazing considering the Colt season. He could be a future star.

situation is very uncertain. Donnell Thompson was considered a can't-miss defensive end when he came out of North Carolina two years ago, but he hasn't performed up to expectations. Fletcher Jenkins finished the season as the starter on the other side, but the coaches hope Hosea Taylor will come off the injured list with more strength and aggressiveness. The second-round draftee, Vernon Maxwell of



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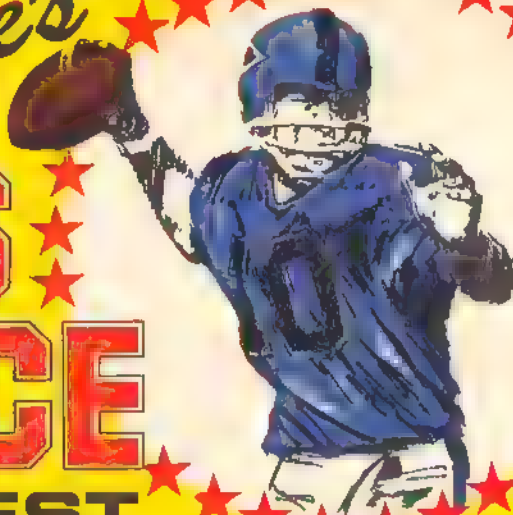


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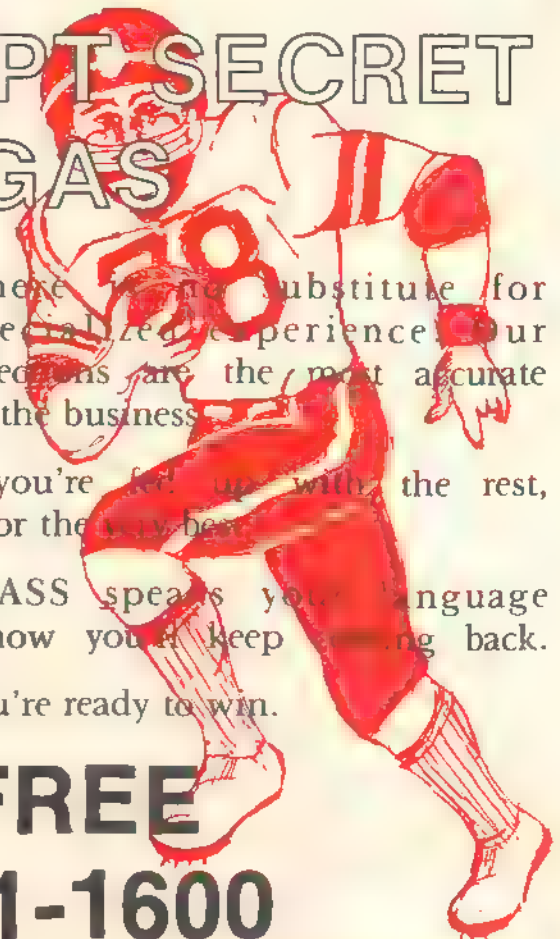
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Sunday, September 4

Atlanta at Chicago
Baltimore at New England
Denver at Pittsburgh
Green Bay at Houston
L.A. Raiders at Cincinnati
Los Angeles Rams at N.Y. Giants
Miami at Buffalo
Minnesota at Cleveland
New York Jets at San Diego
Philadelphia at San Francisco
St. Louis at New Orleans
Seattle at Kansas City

Monday, September 5

Dallas at Washington(N)

Thursday, September 8

San Francisco at Minnesota(N)

Sunday, September 11

Buffalo at Cincinnati
Cleveland at Detroit
Dallas at St. Louis
Denver at Baltimore
Houston at L.A. Raiders
New England at Miami
New Orleans at L.A. Rams
New York Giants at Atlanta
Pittsburgh at Green Bay
Seattle at New York Jets
Tampa Bay at Chicago
Washington at Philadelphia

Monday, September 12

San Diego at Kansas City(N)

Thursday, September 15

Cincinnati at Cleveland

Sunday, September 18

Atlanta at Detroit
Baltimore at Buffalo
Chicago at New Orleans
Kansas City at Washington
L.A. Rams vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
Minnesota at Tampa Bay
New York Giants at Dallas
New York Jets at New England
Philadelphia at Denver
Pittsburgh at Houston
San Diego at Seattle
San Francisco at St. Louis

Monday, September 19

Miami at Los Angeles Raiders(N)

Sunday, September 26

Atlanta at San Francisco
Chicago at Baltimore
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay
Cleveland at San Diego
Detroit at Minnesota
Houston at Buffalo
Kansas City at Miami
L.A. Raiders at Denver
Los Angeles Rams at N.Y. Jets
New England at Pittsburgh
New Orleans at Dallas
St. Louis at Philadelphia
Washington at Seattle

Monday, September 26

Green Bay at New York Giants(N)

Sunday, October 2

Dallas at Cincinnati
Denver at Chicago
Detroit at Los Angeles Rams
Houston at Pittsburgh
L.A. Raiders at Washington
Miami at New Orleans
Philadelphia at Atlanta
St. Louis at Kansas City
San Diego at New York Giants
San Francisco at New England
Seattle at Cleveland
Tampa Bay at Green Bay

Monday, October 3

New York Jets at Buffalo(N)

Sunday, October 9

Buffalo at Miami
Denver at Houston
Green Bay at Detroit
Kansas City at L.A. Raiders
L.A. Rams at San Francisco
New England at Baltimore
New Orleans at Atlanta
New York Jets at Cleveland
Philadelphia at New York Giants
Seattle at San Diego
Tampa Bay at Dallas
Washington at St. Louis

Monday, October 10

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati(N)

Sunday, October 16

Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams
Buffalo at Baltimore
Chicago at Detroit
Cincinnati at Denver
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Dallas at Philadelphia
Houston at Minnesota
Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle
Miami at New York Jets
New York Giants at Kansas City
St. Louis at Tampa Bay
San Diego at New England
San Francisco at New Orleans

Monday, October 17

Washington at Green Bay(N)

Sunday, October 23

Atlanta at New York Jets
Chicago at Philadelphia
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Detroit at Washington
Kansas City at Houston
Los Angeles Raiders at Dallas
Miami at Baltimore
Minnesota at Green Bay
New England at Buffalo
New Orleans at Tampa Bay
Pittsburgh at Seattle
San Diego at Denver
San Francisco at L.A. Rams
New York Giants at St. Louis(N)

Monday, October 24

Baltimore at Philadelphia

Sunday, October 30

Dallas at New York Giants
Detroit at Chicago
Green Bay at Cincinnati
Houston at Cleveland
Kansas City at Denver
Los Angeles Rams at Miami
Minnesota at St. Louis
New England at Atlanta
New Orleans at Buffalo
New York Jets at San Francisco
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh

Monday, October 31

Washington at San Diego(N)

Sunday, November 6

Atlanta at New Orleans
Baltimore at New England
Buffalo at Los Angeles Rams
Cincinnati at Houston
Cleveland vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
Denver at Seattle
Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City
Miami at San Francisco
Philadelphia at Dallas
San Diego at Washington
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh
Tampa Bay at Minnesota

Monday, November 7

New York Giants at Detroit(N)

Sunday, November 13

Buffalo at New York Jets
Cincinnati at Kansas City
Dallas at San Diego
Denver at Los Angeles Raiders
Detroit at Houston
Green Bay at Minnesota
Miami at New England
New Orleans at San Francisco
Philadelphia at Chicago
Pittsburgh at Baltimore
Seattle at St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Cleveland
Washington at New York Giants

Monday, November 14

Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta(N)

Sunday, November 20

Baltimore at Miami
Chicago at Tampa Bay
Cleveland at New England
Detroit vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
Houston at Cincinnati
Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo
Kansas City at Dallas
Minnesota at Pittsburgh
New York Giants at Philadelphia
San Diego at St. Louis
San Francisco at Atlanta
Seattle at Denver
Washington at Los Angeles Rams

Monday, November 21

New York Jets at New Orleans(N)

Thursday, November 24

Pittsburgh at Detroit
St. Louis at Dallas
Baltimore at Cleveland
Buffalo at Los Angeles Rams
Denver at San Diego
Green Bay at Atlanta
Houston at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at Seattle
Minnesota at New Orleans
New England at New York Jets
New York Giants at L.A. Raiders
Philadelphia at Washington
San Francisco at Chicago

Saturday, December 10

Atlanta at Miami
Pittsburgh at New York Jets
Seattle at Denver
Chicago at Minnesota
Cleveland at Houston
Detroit at Cincinnati
Kansas City at San Diego
New England at Los Angeles Rams
New Orleans at Philadelphia
St. Louis at Los Angeles Raiders
San Francisco at Buffalo
Seattle at New York Giants
Washington at Dallas

Monday, December 12

Green Bay at Tampa Bay(N)

Friday, December 16

New York Jets at Miami(N)

Saturday, December 17

Cincinnati at Minnesota
New York Giants at Washington

Sunday, December 18

Buffalo at Atlanta
Denver at Kansas City
Green Bay at Chicago
Houston at Baltimore
Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans
New England at Seattle
Philadelphia at St. Louis
Pittsburgh at Cleveland
San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders
Tampa Bay at Detroit
Dallas at San Francisco(N)

Monday, November 28

Cincinnati at Miami(N)

Thursday, December 1

L.A. Raiders at San Diego(N)

Sunday, December 4

Atlanta at Washington
Buffalo at Kansas City
Chicago at Green Bay
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Cleveland at Denver
Dallas at Seattle
Los Angeles Rams at Philadelphia
Miami at Houston
New Orleans at New England
New York Jets at Baltimore
St. Louis at New York Giants
Tampa Bay at San Francisco
Minnesota at Detroit(N)

Monday, December 5

Atlanta at Miami

Sunday, December 11

Baltimore at Denver
Chicago at Minnesota
Cleveland at Houston
Detroit at Cincinnati
Kansas City at San Diego
New England at Los Angeles Rams
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St. Louis at Los Angeles Raiders
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Washington at Dallas

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Green Bay at Tampa Bay(N)

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Saturday, December 17

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AFC West

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

There is a pattern with the San Diego Chargers that is not hard to follow. During the last four regular seasons it has been offense over all. No matter how many points the other teams put on the scoreboard the Chargers, most of the time, put up more. Then come the playoffs. The Chargers win playoff games. Sometimes they go far into the playoffs. But they never go as far as people expect them to go—all the way to the Super Bowl.

For three years coach Don Coryell has been trying to do things so that the defense will not be too heavy for his offense to carry. Last year he made trades to bring in veterans, created what amounted to an underground railway from Tampa Bay, where they do play defense. Those measures didn't help.

This year he committed two of his three first-round draft choices to defense, no small concession from Coryell, who thinks defense is something designed to give the offense an occasional rest. With the first draft pick the Chargers selected the most admired defensive player among the college seniors, Arkansas' Billy Ray Smith, who played end for the Razorbacks but is destined to be an inside linebacker in the pros. With the other pick they selected San Jose State cornerback Gil Byrd. If his balky knee is all right, chances are he should be a starter.

Even the veteran players put enormous emphasis on draft acquisitions. "When we get the players that we need in the draft," said veteran safety Tim Fox, "I guarantee you they are going to help this team a lot."

Tom Bass, the team's defensive coordinator, says he doesn't think the defense needs that many additional players. "I think we need a lot more time," says Bass.

Yes, but there may not be enough time for the defense to ferment. The Charger offense is aged. For that matter, it has been aged for several years. San Diego goes into the sea-

Dan Fouts directs the high-powered San Diego attack; Billy Ray Smith (#87) was the Chargers' No. 1 draft choice.



son with three offensive linemen 36 years old, one of whom will be 37 before it ends. One wide receiver is 36. The better runner Chuck Muncie, has had chemical dependency problems.

There has to be some sort of a quick fix. In their last four playoff games the Chargers gave up 34, 28, 38, and 27 points. Not even the best offense can keep overcoming that sort of handicap. San Diego scored 288 points last year, best in the league again. Nevertheless, the Chargers' won-lost record was 6-3, which put them in fourth place overall. More significantly, they faced only one of the NFL's top ten defensive teams during last season's abbreviated schedule. That was Kansas City, and the Chiefs, a 3-6 team, beat them, 19-12.

What the Chargers don't need—but got—was a contract hassle with their super quarterback, Dan Fouts. A hassle with Fouts is no ordinary one. He sat out more than half a season once when he and his agent, Howard Slusher, were not satisfied with what owner Gene Klein had offered. Even in the short-



1982 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Ben Roethlisberger, 80 points on 16 field goals and 32 PATs. .2nd
RUSHING—Muncie, 138 carries for 569 yards, 4.1 avg., 8 TDs. 8th
PASSING—Fouts, 204 of 330 attempts for 2,883 yards and 17 TDs. .2nd
RECEIVING—Winslow, 54 receptions for 721 yards, 13.4 avg., 6 TDs. 1st
INTERCEPTIONS—Fox, 4 for 103 yards, 25.8 avg. 5th
PUNTING—Buford, 21 punts, 41.3 avg., longest 71 yards. .unranked
PUNT RETURNS—Brooks, 12 for 138 yards, 11.5 avg. 2nd
KICKOFF RETURNS—Brooks, 33 for 749 yards, 22.7 avg. .16th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6 At Los Angeles Rams (N)
 13 PHILADELPHIA (N)
 20 SAN FRANCISCO (N)
 26 LOS ANGELES RAMS (N)

SCHEDULE 1982 SCORES

Date	Opponent	Score
September 4	NEW YORK JETS	—
12	At Kansas City (N)	12-19
18	At Seattle	—
25	CLEVELAND	30-13
October 2	At New York Giants	—
9	SEATTLE	—
16	At New England	—
23	At Denver	23-3
31	WASHINGTON (N)	—
November 6	At Pittsburgh	—
13	DALLAS	—
20	At St. Louis	—
27	DENVER	30-20
December 1	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	34-41
11	KANSAS CITY	—
18	At Los Angeles Raiders	24-28

CHARGERS VETERAN ROSTER

NFL										
no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college			
91	Ackerman, Rich	DT	6-4	254	24	2	Memphis St.			
27	Allen, Jeff	CB	5-11	194	25	3	Cal Davis			
37	Bauer, Hank	RB	5-10	200	29	7	Cal Lutheran			
42	Beil, Rickey	RB	6-1	216	28	7	Southern Cal			
6	Benirschke, Rolf	K	6-1	179	28	7	Cal Davis			
50	Bradley, Carlos	LB	6-0	226	23	3	Wake Forest			
21	Brooks, James	RB	5-9	177	25	3	Auburn			
7	Buford, Maury	P	6-0	185	23	2	Texas Tech			
25	Cappelletti, John	FB	6-1	215	31	9	Penn St.			
89	Chandler, Wes	WR	6-0	183	27	6	Florida			
77	Clapham, Sam	T	6-6	267	27	3	Oklahoma			
82	Duckworth, Bobby	WR	6-3	197	25	2	Arkansas			
76	Ferguson, Keith	DE	6-5	241	24	3	Ohio St.			
14	Fouts, Dan	QB	6-3	205	32	11	Oregon			
48	Fox, Tim	S	5-11	186	30	8	Ohio St.			
75	Gissinger, Andrew	T	6-5	279	24	2	Syracuse			
7	Goode, Don	LB	6-2	231	32	9	Kansas			
8	Greene, Ken	S	6-3	205	27	6	Wash St.			
43	Gregor, Bob	S	6-2	190	26	3	Wash St.			
88	Henderson, Reuben	CB	6-1	200	25	3	San Diego St.			
86	Holohan, Pete	TE	6-4	240	24	3	Notre Dame			
40	Jodet, Jim	FB	5-11	208	29	7	Carthage			
79	Johnson, Gary	DT	6-2	251	30	9	Grambling			
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	180	36	15	Grambling			
68	Jones, Leroy	DE	6-8	270	33	8	Norfolk St.			
74	Ketcher, Louie	DT	6-5	310	30	9	SMU			
57	King, Linden	LB	6-5	245	28	6	Colorado St.			
30	Lard, Bruce	S	6-1	185	33	12	American Int.			
53	Lewis, David	LB	6-4	245	29	7	Southern Cal			
64	Loewen, Chuck	OL	6-4	284	26	4	South Dakota			
51	Lowe, Woodrow	LB	6-0	226	29	8	Alabama			
11	Luther, Ed	QB	6-3	202	26	4	San Jose St.			
62	Macek, Don	OL	6-2	280	29	8	Boston College			
60	McKnight, Dennis	OL	6-3	253	24	2	Drake			
24	McPherson, Miles	S	6-0	175	23	2	Now Haven			
46	Moore, Jeff	WR	6-1	188	28	4	Tennessee			
46	Muncie, Chuck	RB	6-2	228	30	8	California			
52	Preston, Ray	LB	6-0	220	29	8	Syracuse			
56	Rush, Bob	OL	6-5	270	28	6	Memphis St.			
87	Scaves, Dwight	WR	6-2	182	30	7	Grambling			
58	Selmon, Dewey	LB	6-7	231	30	8	Oklahoma			
66	Shields, Billy	T	6-8	284	30	9	Georgia			
85	Sievers, Eric	TE	6-4	235	26	3	Maryland			
59	Thrift, Cliff	LB	6-1	230	27	5	E. Central Okla.			
70	Washington, Russ	T	6-7	295	37	16	Missouri			
67	White, Ed	G	6-2	279	36	15	California			
63	Wilkerson, Doug	G	6-3	258	36	14	N.C. Central			
29	Williams, Mike	CB	5-10	186	30	9	LSU			
80	Winslow, Kellen	TE	6-5	251	26	5	Missouri			
90	Woodcock, John	DE	6-3	257	29	7	Hawai			
49	Young, Andre	S	6-0	203	23	2	La. Tech			
90	Young, Wilbur	DT	6-8	285	34	13	Wm. Penn			

NFL										
rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college				
1	Smith, Billy Ray	LB	6-3	228	22	Arkansas				
1	Anderson, Gary	WR	6-0	175	23	Arkansas				
1	Byrd, Gill	DB	5-11	182	22	San Jose St.				
4	Walters, Danny	DB	6-0	190	23	Arkansas				
6	Johnson, Trumaine	WR	6-3	185	22	Grambling				
7	Elko, Bill	DT	6-3	261	23	LSU				
8	Jackson, Ernest	RB	6-0	205	23	Texas A&M				
9	Green, Mike	LB	6-2	218	22	Oklahoma St.				
10	Mallison, Bruce	QB	6-2	200	23	Nebraska				
11	Kearse, Tim	WR	5-11	186	22	San Jose St.				
11	Spencer, Tim	RB	6-1	210	23	Ohio St.				
12	Blaylock, Billy	DB	6-0	185	22	Tenn. Tech				
12	Elin, Chuck	DT	6-4	252	22	Brightman Young				

ened season, Fouts passed for 2,883 yards and 17 touchdowns. He, more than anyone, is the Chargers' leader. A sign that they expect him to be their impetus for the next three or four seasons was the fact that they did not make a serious effort to trade for the rights to John Elway.

The San Diego passing attack was such that the first two players in the pass-receiving rankings for the AFC were Chargers—tight end Kellen Winslow and wide receiver Wes Chandler. Winslow caught 54 passes for 721 yards and six touchdowns, Chandler, 49 for 1,032 yards and nine TDs. Chandler, in his first full season as a Charger, was the only NFL receiver to catch passes worth more than 1,000 yards. Charlie Joiner chipped in with 36

receptions. Eric Seivers is a useful second tight end, but the Chargers lost a valuable chance to groom a replacement for Joiner when the third of their first-round draftees, Gary Anderson of Arkansas, signed with Tampa Bay of the USFL.

Muncie gives the attack dimension—as long as he is at his best. Last year he ran for 569 yards and scored eight times. James Brooks, the versatile little back, gained 430 averaged 4.9 yards a carry, and scored six touchdowns.

Just how long can the Chargers go with the old linemen? Russ Washington, 37 in December, Doug Wilkerson and Ed White, both 36, have beaten the rap for the last three years. Wilkerson, in fact, ran a 4.8 40-yard dash in minicamp last spring to show that he still has a Pro Bowl body. But even that wonderful San Diego weather can't stave off the aging process. Still, Wilkerson and White will line up as the guards again, with Washington and Billy Shields at tackle and Don Macek at center. Bob Rush, a No. 1 pick when he came into the league, has been playing behind Macek for so long he's asking for a trade.

"We're going to have total commitment to the 3-4 defense," says Bass. "It's going to be a very complete defense. Last year we didn't get all of our new system in initially and after the strike we regressed. This year it's going to be the total package and our players are going to have to work hard to pick it all up."

The schedule will provide the necessary time. After facing the high-scoring Jets in the opener, the Chargers play seven straight games against teams which ranked no higher than fifteenth offensively in the NFL last year.

Gary Johnson, who went to the Pro Bowl again, is likely to be the nose tackle. Louie

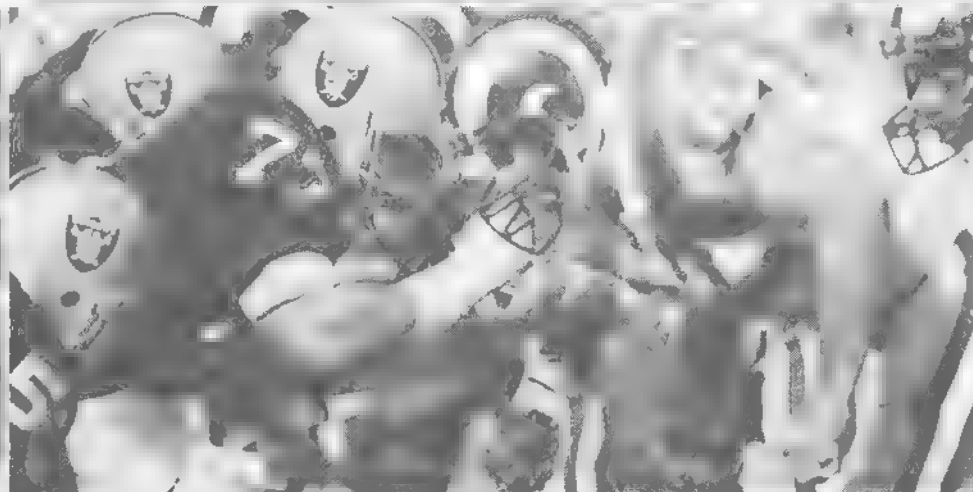
The Chargers' Kellen Winslow (below) and Wes Chandler (left) were 1-2 in the AFC in pass receptions.



Kelcher who "retired" then unretired last season, carries too much weight and the Chargers can't depend upon him last ng at high caliber until the playoffs. The ends are Keith Ferguson and Leroy Jones, with John Woodcock and Wilbur Young in reserve.

An offseason injury cost the team its best veteran linebacker, Linoen King. That means ex-Buccaneer David Lewis might have to contribute a lot more than he did last year. Woody Lowe is the other outside backer. Clifford Thrift, who was improved as the middle linebacker in the 4-3 last year, will be at one inside spot, but the major news is Billy Ray Smith. He's not only an instinctive player but a very intelligent one who should thrive in his new position in the 3-4—providing he can master the pass coverages.

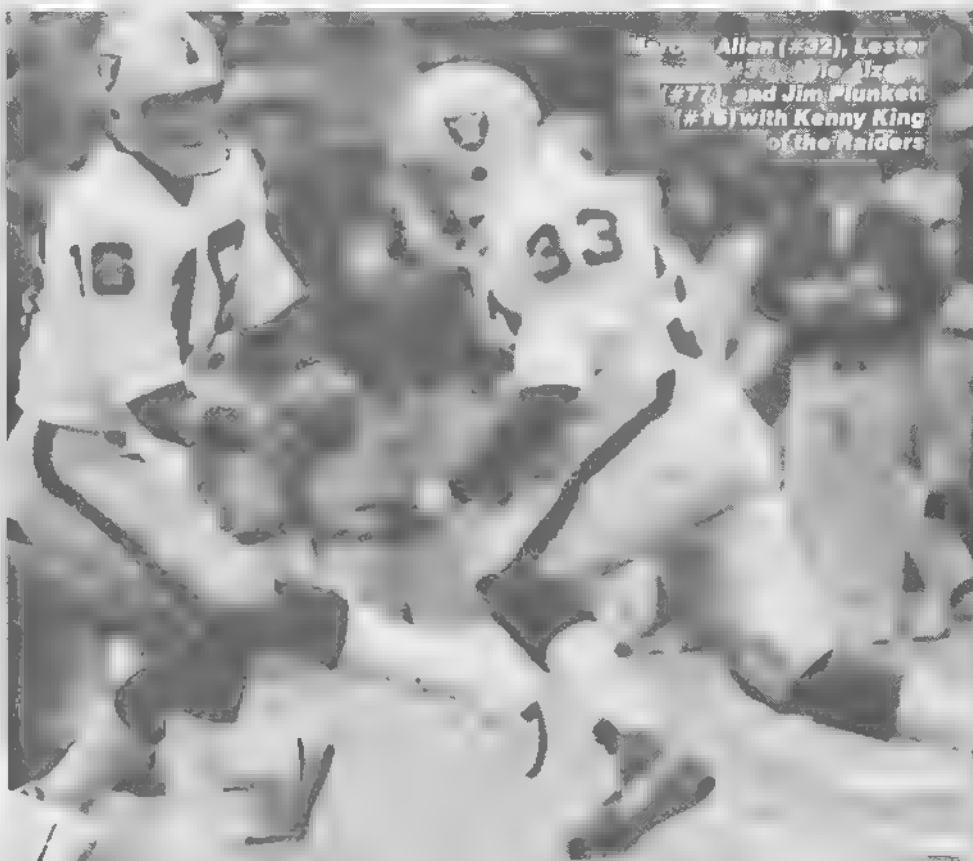
Bass will have to come up with some system of sophisticated blitzes to help out his pass defenders who were dead last in the NFL. The Chargers' pass rush just wasn't good enough in 1982. Byrd isn't the only new



SCORING—Allen, 84 points on 14 touchdowns 1st
RUSHING—Allen, 160 carries for 697 yards, 4.4 avg., 11 TDs 3rd
PASSING—Plunkett, 152 of 261 attempts for 2,035 yards and 14 TDs 6th
RECEIVING—Christensen, 42 receptions for 510 yards, 12.1 avg., 4 TDs 5th
INTERCEPTIONS—Owens, 4 for 56 yards, 14.0 avg. 6th
PUNTING—Guy, 47 punts, 39.1 avg., longest 57 yards 7th
PUNT RETURNS—Pruitt, 27 for 209 yards, 7.7 avg. 10th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Pruitt, 14 for 371 yards, 26.5 avg. 2nd

August 6 SAN FRANCISCO (N)
 13 At New York Jets (N)
 20 CHICAGO (N)
 27 At Cleveland (N)

1983 SCHEDULE	1982 SCORES
September 4 At Cincinnati	17-31
11 HOUSTON	—
19 M AM (N)	—
25 At Denver	—
October 2 At Washington	—
9 KANSAS CITY	—
16 At Seattle	—
23 At Dallas	—
30 SEATTLE	28-23
November 6 At Kansas City	21-16
13 DENVER	24-10
20 At Buffalo	—
27 NEW YORK JETS	—
December 1 At San Diego (N)	41-34
11 ST. LOUIS	—
18 SAN DIEGO	28-24



Allen (#32), Lester (#33), and Plunkett (#77) with Kenny King (#16) of the Raiders

defensive back the Chargers have to work with. They traded with St. Louis for Ken Greene, their unhappy safety, and with Chicago for cornerback Reuben Henderson. Jeff Allen played ahead of veteran Willie Buchanon on the left corner at the end of last season, and now Mike Williams may have to hold off a bunch of challengers on the other side. Not only Byrd and Henderson, but fourth-round pick Danny Walters, another Razorback, may be shooting for his job. Fox had an up-and-down year at free safety. Some NFL watchers thought the ex-Patriot all-pro lost speed. Bruce Laird was pushed by Andre Young at strong safety, and now here comes Greene.

The Charger offense was so effective that the punter, Maury Buford, with just 21 kicks didn't even qualify for the NFL punting championship. He had a 41.3-yard average. Rolf Benirschke was a Pro Bowl place-kicker, with 16 field goals in 22 tries.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

For most of the Raiders' nine regular-season games Tom Flores' postgame coaching remarks were a variation on a single theme: "Thank God for Marcus Allen."

It began in the first game of the season, when the Raiders played their old Bay Area rivals, the 1982 Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers. Allen ripped for 116 yards rushing, caught four passes for 64 yards, and became an instant hero.

"He has that ability all the great ones have," saluted veteran quarterback Jim Plunkett. "It's something you just can't define."

He had 156 yards in a victory over Seattle

He virtually willed the Raiders to victory in their bitter neighborhood battle with the Rams, scoring three touchdowns. He had 128 yards and two TDs when the Raiders continued their mastery over San Diego in the final regular-season game. He didn't stop in the playoffs. He had 145 yards running and catching and scored two touchdowns in the first-round victory over Cleveland.

Allen also may represent the Raiders' ration of draft-time luck for the next several years. While the Minnesota Vikings passed him up in favor of running back Darrin Nelson, while Atlanta passed him up in favor of Gerald Riggs, while Baltimore passed him up in favor of quarterback Art Schlichter, Al Davis held his breath until the Raiders' turn: the tenth pick on the first round. Allen became the first rookie since Hall of Famer Gale Sayers to lead the NFL in scoring. He ran for 697 yards, an average of 4.4 yards, and caught 38 passes for 401 yards.

Maybe it all evens out? The Raiders' No. 1 pick this year, Allen's Southern Cal teammate, offensive tackle Don Mosebar, kept his back operation a secret from the Raiders before draft day and now they may have a player who will be of no use to them at all this year. They also gambled on another lineman, Rutgers defensive tackle Bili Pickel, who may not play this season because of a bad back.

The Raiders had the best record in the AFC going into the playoffs, and even with Allen having gained experience, there is no chorus of celebrators claiming that a dynasty is about to unfold. Far from it. This is an aged, flawed team. How many times can Plunkett be a quarterback who emerges from the NFL

ashes? Even in his second comeback in three years he was far from the Super Bowl hero he was in 1980. Besides, he's 35 now. His best receiver, Cliff Branch, is 34. Defensive end Lyle Alzado, who began a third career with the Raiders last season, is 34. Pro Bowl linebacker Ted Hendricks is 35. Punter Ray Guy is 33 and is coming off his worst pro season. Handyman halfback Greg Pruitt is 32 and battle-scarred. There is more. Defensive end John Matuszak, who missed all last season with injury, retired. So did free safety Burgess Owen. So did wide receiver Bob Chandler.

The keystone to the revitalization plan was to be a bombshell trade for John Elway, the passing jewel from Stanford. The problem was that the teams which were to be collaborators in the deal were not buying what Davis was selling. Davis was so frustrated when Baltimore traded Elway to Denver, a division rival, that he accused the NFL and commissioner Pete Rozelle of some sort of conspiracy to deprive his team of Elway's services. Rozelle, in turn, accused Davis of "calculated paranoia."

If Plunkett can't give the Raiders at least as good a season as he did last year (2,035 yards, 14 touchdowns—but 15 interceptions and the third-highest interception rate in the AFC), then Flores will be reduced to playing Marc Wilson, who finished the 1981 season as the starter when Plunkett went into a woeful funk. There was not exactly a ringing vote of confidence last year. He got to throw two passes, one of which was complete.

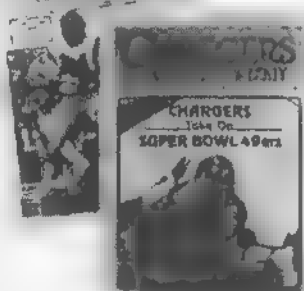
Branch, despite his age, still averaged 19.2 yards on his 30 catches and scored four touchdowns. Todd Christensen beat out Der-

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RAIDERS VETERAN ROSTER

		NFL				
no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp college
32	Ailen Marcus	RB	6-2	205	23	2 Southern Cal
77	Alzado, Lytle	DE	6-3	250	34	13 Yankee
10	Bahr, Chris	K	5-10	175	30	8 Penn St.
56	Barnes, Jeff	LB	6-2	255	28	7 California
86	Barnwell, Malcolm	WR	5-11	185	25	3 Va Union
40	Berns, Rick	RB	6-2	205	27	4 Nebraska
21	Branch, Cliff	WR	6-11	170	35	12 Colorado
73	Browning, Dave	WR	6-5	245	27	6 Washington
81	Burke, Randy	WR	6-2	195	28	5 Kentucky
46	Christenson, Todd	TE	6-3	230	27	5 Brigham Young
50	Dalby, Dave	C	6-3	250	33	12 UCLA
79	Davis, Bruce	T	6-5	280	25	5 UCLA
45	Davis, James	CB	6-0	190	26	2 Southern Cal
36	Davis, Mike	S	6-3	205	27	6 Colorado
8	Guy, Ray	P	5-11	195	34	11 So Mississippi
86	Harvey, Marvin	TE	6-9	220	24	2 So. Mississippi
27	Hawkins, Frank	RB	5-9	210	24	3 Nevada Reno
61	Hawkins, Mike	LB	6-3	245	28	6 Texas A&M
37	Hayes, Lester	CB	6-0	200	29	7 Texas A&M
83	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	230	36	15 Miami
40	Hill, Kenny	S	6-0	195	25	3 Yale
42	Jackson, Monte	CB	5-11	195	30	9 San Diego St
31	Jensen, Derrick	TE	6-1	220	27	5 Tex Arlington
90	Jones, Willie	DE	6-4	245	26	4 Florida St.
33	King, Kenny	RB	5-11	205	26	5 Oklahoma
62	Kinlaw, Reggie	DT	6-2	245	26	4 Oklahoma
70	Lawrence, Henry	T	6-4	270	32	10 Florida A&M
75	Long, Howie	DE	6-5	255	23	3 Villanova
60	Marsh, Curt	G	6-4	275	28	7 Washington
53	Martin, Rod	LB	6-2	220	29	7 Southern Cal
65	Marvin, Mickey	G	6-4	275	28	7 Tennessee
29	McElroy, Vann	S	6-2	190	23	2 Baylor
23	McKinney, Odie	S	6-2	190	25	6 Colorado
55	Milten, Matt	LB	6-2	255	25	4 Penn St
28	Montgomery, Cle	WR	5-8	185	27	3 Ab. Christian
82	Muhammad, Calvin	WR	5-11	190	25	1 Texas So
76	Muransky, Ed	T	6-7	280	23	2 Michigan
51	Nelson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	30	7 Nebraska
54	Peterson, Calvin	LB	6-3	225	31	8 UCLA
25	Phillips, Irvin	CB	6-1	190	23	2 Arkansas Tech
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	215	36	13 Stanford
34	Pruitt, Greg	RB	5-10	185	32	11 Oklahoma
84	Ramsay, Derrick	TE	6-5	235	27	6 Kentucky
24	Reed, Tony	RB	5-10	190	28	8 Colorado
74	Reese, Archie	DT	6-3	275	27	6 Clemson
68	Robinson, Johnny	DT	6-2	260	25	3 La Tech
52	Romano, Jim	C	6-3	260	30	9 Penn St.
	Sheppard, Henry	OL	6-6	263	31	8 SMU
58	Squire, Jack	LB	6-4	225	24	2 Texas
66	Sylvester, Steve	OL	6-4	260	30	9 Notre Dame
67	Van Dyke, Randy	G	6-5	265	25	3 Washington
99	Vaughan, Ruben	DE	6-2	240	27	3 Colorado
20	Watts, Ted	CB	6-0	190	24	3 Texas Tech
38	Willis, Chester	RB	5-11	195	25	3 Auburn
6	Wilson, Marc	QB	6-8	263	31	8 Brigham Young

RAIDERS

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Mosebar, Dan	OT	6-7	275	22	Southern Cal.
2	Pickett, Bill	OT	6-4	260	22	Pulpers
3	Catowell, Tony	LB	6-1	222	23	Washington
4	Townsend, Greg	DE	6-3	245	22	T.C.U.
5	Williams, Dokie	WR	6-0	189	23	UCLA
7	McCall, Jeff	RB	6-2	220	23	Clemson
8	Dotterer, Mike	RB	6-0	190	22	Stanford
9	Jordan, Karl	TE	6-3	225	22	St. Mary's
10	Fernandez, Mervyn	WR	6-0	185	22	San Jose St
12	Lindquist, Scott	QB	6-2	205	22	N. Arizona

rick Ramsey at tight end, then finished sixth in the AFC with 42 receptions for 510 yards and four touchdowns. Malcolm Barnwell finally got to play when Chandler was hurt. He caught 23 passes but didn't score.

Ailen has a huge line to run behind, a typical Oakland front with massive behinds and almost irresistible thrust. Mickey Marvin and Curt Marsh are the coming set of guards in the NFL. Henry Lawrence is seasoned and skilled at one tackle. Bruce Davis beat out Art Shel, now retired, to play the other tackle. Dave Dalby is a seasoned center.

Defensively the Raiders' game is stopping the run. They ranked second in the NFL in that category. Their pass defense was second-worst in the league, though. What saves them is their pass rush. They had 38 sacks, best in the NFL. Alzado had a marvelous year in 1982, but was it a last hurrah at his age? The other end was young Howie Long, another corner, who got to play when Matuszak and Dave Browning were hurt. Willie Jones is coming off the injured list. Reggie Kinlaw is undersized but plays tough at nose tackle. Davis likes to pick up spare parts for the defensive line. The current ones include ex-49ers Archie Reese and Ruben Vaughan.

Hendricks' versatility and unpredictability still cause offenses to overoccupy themselves with solving him, which usually opens up opportunities for other defenders. The trouble with all the spotlight on Hendricks is that it detracts from the other outside backer, Rod Martin, who the Raiders swear belongs in the Pro Bowl. He's the guy who intercepted three passes in the team's Super Bowl victory over Philadelphia, but even that hasn't got him the attention he deserves. Matt Milen, the Penn State tough guy, is a fixture at inside linebacker, but Bob Nelson could get a battle from soph Jack Squire.

The strength of the secondary is in Pro Bowl cornerback Lester Hayes, who earned to dominate even without his beloved stickum, and strong safety Mike Davis. Ted Watts won the other corner job last year, but there could be some switching now with Owens retired. Jim Davis is an admired defender. So is Kenny Hill. Vann McElroy played some nickel as a rookie, and there are also veterans Odie McKinney and Monte Jackson.

Guy once THE kicker in football, averaged less than 40 yards a punt last year and his net average was surpassed by four other AFC kickers. Chris Bahr was the tenth-rated placekicker in the AFC, with ten field goals in 16 attempts. He doesn't have much range. Pruitt, dumped by Cleveland, finished second in kickoff returns in the AFC and did a creditable job returning punts.

The Raiders have depended upon a tradition of whacking themselves away from terrible lates at the end. "I always think we're going to win in the last minute," says Davis. Sure enough, last year they beat Kansas City on a "Hail Mary" pass from Plunkett to Calvin Muhammad, they overcame a 24-0 deficit to beat San Diego on Monday night TV; they avoided embarrassment at the hands of the Rams.

Will they do it again? We should know in the first half of the season, when the Raiders play four of the foremost teams in football—Cincinnati, Miami, Washington, and Dallas, with only Miami in the L.A. Coliseum.

DENVER BRONCOS

It was a trade which was composed of many elements—mystery, surprise, guile, timing. But mostly it was a case of justice. The football fans of Denver deserve to get John Elway. He's the first superior quarterback the Broncos have held title to in the 24-year history of the franchise.

The Broncos had Craig Morton in their Super Bowl season and beyond, but Morton as useful as he was in Denver was beyond his peak. He had lost his mobility and become a statue, a dispiriting handicap for a passer. When the Broncos made the Super Bowl, the offense, including Morton, served best when it gave the fierce defense a rest. The team quantified five players for the Pro Bowl that season, all on defense.

Charley Johnson gave the Broncos a coup of decent seasons, but his best days as a quarterback had been used up by St. Louis. In the beginning, the team had Frank Tripucka, but that was in Denver's Cro-Magnon era, when the players wore those infamous vertically-striped socks. Tripucka had spent nearly a decade in the Canadian League and was a virtual antique by the time he became a Bronco.

The franchise never even drafted a quarterback as high as the third round. But now there is Elway, the Namath with knees, the *ne plus ultra* in a spectacular year of rookie quarterbacks, football's first million-dollar baby. He arrives just in time. Denver finished 2-7 last year, the franchise's first losing season since 1975.

There is bound to be the predictable charade about Elway having to win the starting quarterback job from Steve DeBerg, but the truth is that owner Edgar Kaiser did not pay those boxcar figures to watch Elway ferment on the bench. Coach Dan Reeves has a drawer full of unused passing concepts he

1982 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

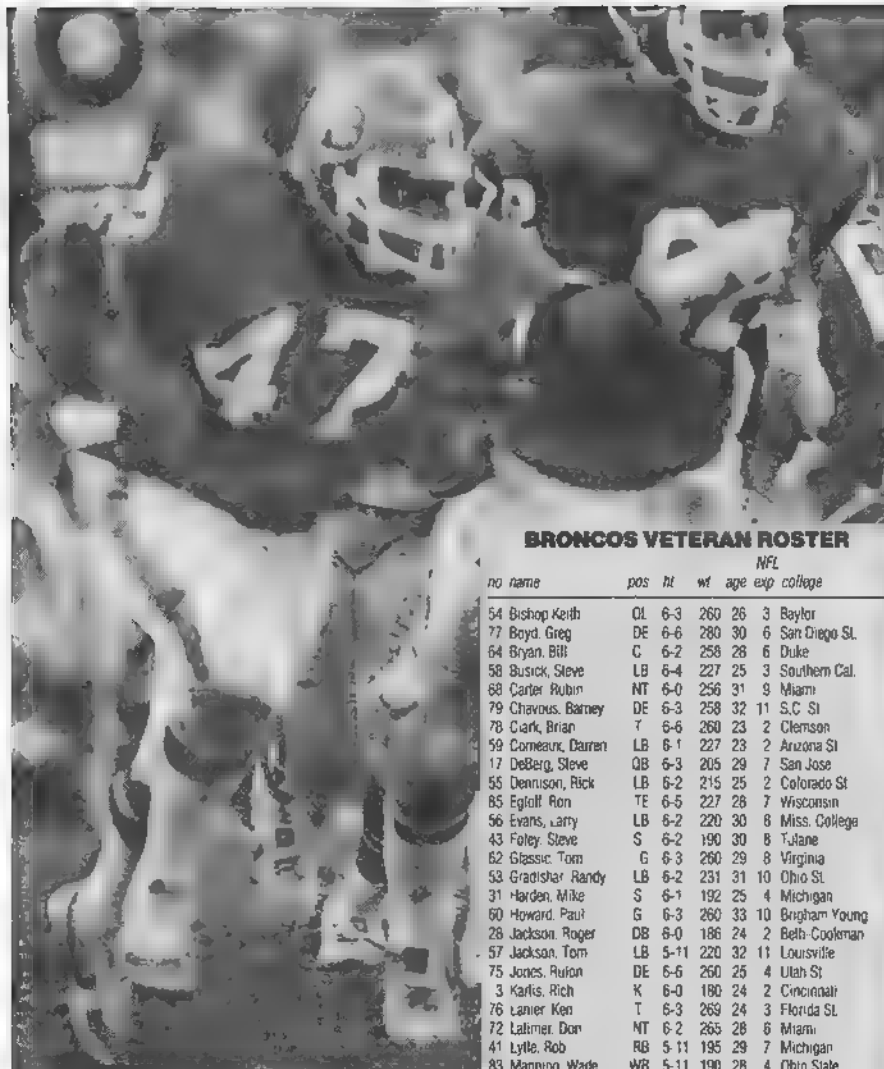
SCORING—Karlis, 48 points on 11 field goals and 15 PATs. 11th
RUSHING—Willhite, 70 carries for 347 yards, 5.0 avg., 2 TDs. 15th
PASSING—DeBerg, 131 of 223 attempts for 1,405 yards and 7 TDs. 8th
RECEIVING—Paros, 37 receptions for 259 yards, 7.0 avg., 2 TDs. 10th
INTERCEPTIONS—Kyle, 3 for 26 yards, 8.7 avg., 2nd
PUNTING—Prestidge, 45 punts, 45.0 avg., longest 65 yards. 1st
PUNT RETURNS—Upchurch, 15 for 242 yards, 16.1 avg., 2 TDs. 1st
KICKOFF RETURNS—Manning, 15 for 346 yards, 23.1 avg. 5th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 5 SEATTLE (H)
13 ATLANTA (N)
20 CLEVELAND (N)
26 At Minnesota (N)

1982 SCHEDULE

September 4 At Pittsburgh
11 At Baltimore
18 PHILADELPHIA
25 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS
October 2 At Chicago
9 At Houston
16 CINCINNATI
23 SAN DIEGO 3-23
30 KANSAS CITY 16-37
November 6 At Seattle 11-13
13 At Los Angeles Raiders 10-24
20 SEATTLE 10-17
27 At San Diego 20-30
December 4 CLEVELAND
11 BALTIMORE
18 At Kansas City



BRONCOS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
54	Bishop Keith	OL	6-3	260	26	3	Baylor
77	Boyd, Greg	DE	6-6	280	30	6	San Diego St.
64	Bryan, Bill	C	6-2	258	28	6	Duke
58	Busick, Steve	LB	6-4	227	25	3	Southern Cal.
68	Carter, Rubin	NT	6-0	256	31	9	Miami
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	6-3	258	32	11	S.C. St.
78	Clark, Brian	T	6-6	260	23	2	Clemson
59	Comeaux, Darren	LB	6-1	227	23	2	Arizona St.
17	DeBerg, Steve	QB	6-3	205	29	7	San Jose
55	Dennison, Rick	LB	6-2	215	25	2	Colorado St.
85	Egloff, Ron	TE	6-5	227	28	7	Wisconsin
56	Evans, Larry	LB	6-2	220	30	8	Miss. College
43	Foley, Steve	S	6-2	190	30	8	Tulane
62	Glassic, Tom	G	6-3	260	29	8	Virginia
53	Gradishar, Randy	LB	6-2	231	31	10	Ohio St.
31	Harden, Mike	S	6-1	192	25	4	Michigan
60	Howard, Paul	G	6-3	260	33	10	Bingham Young
28	Jackson, Roger	DB	6-0	186	24	2	Beth-Cookman
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	220	32	11	Louisville
75	Jones, Ruion	DE	6-6	260	25	4	Utah St.
3	Karris, Rich	K	6-0	180	24	2	Cincinnati
76	Lamer, Ken	T	6-3	269	24	3	Florida St.
72	Lalimer, Don	NT	6-2	265	28	6	Miami
41	Lytle, Rob	RB	5-11	195	29	7	Michigan
83	Manning, Wade	WR	5-11	190	28	4	Ohio State
66	Manor, Brison	DE	6-4	248	31	7	Arkansas
82	McDaniel, Orlando	WR	6-0	180	23	2	LSU
71	Minor, Claude	T	6-4	278	32	10	San Diego St.
88	Odoms, Riley	TE	6-4	235	33	12	Houston
24	Parros, Rick	RB	5-11	200	25	3	Utah St.
34	Pogue, Nathan	RB	5-9	212	27	4	Louisville
46	Preston, Dave	RB	5-11	195	28	6	Bowling Green
11	Prestridge, Luke	P	6-4	235	27	5	Baylor
50	Ryan, Jim	LB	6-1	215	26	5	William & Mary
49	Smith, Dennis	S	6-3	200	24	3	Southern Cal.
70	Studdard, Dave	T	6-4	260	28	5	Texas
51	Swenson, Bob	LB	6-3	225	30	8	California
26	Thomas, J.T.	S	6-2	196	32	10	Florida St.
37	Trumble, Steve	CB	5-10	161	25	3	Maryland
67	Uecker, Keith	T	6-5	260	23	2	Auburn
80	Upchurch, Rick	WR	5-10	180	31	9	Minnesota
81	Watson, Steve	WR	6-4	195	26	5	Temple
47	Willhite, Gerald	RB	5-10	200	24	2	San Jose St.
45	Wilson, Steve	CB	5-10	195	23	2	Howard
23	Winder, Sammy	RB	5-11	203	24	2	So. Mississippi
52	Woodard, Ken	LB	6-1	218	23	2	Tuskegee
87	Wright, Jim	TE	6-3	240	27	4	TCU
20	Wright, Louis	CB	6-2	200	30	9	San Jose St.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Hinton, Chris	OG	6-5	265	22	Northwestern
2	Cooper, Mark	OT	6-4	245	23	Miami
3	Sampson, Clinton	WR	6-0	167	23	San Diego St.
5	Harris, George	LB	6-2	220	23	Houston
5	Baldwin, Bruce	DB	6-0	190	22	Harding
6	Hellin, Victor	DB	5-11	190	22	Delaware St.
7	Dupree, Myron	DB	6-0	188	22	N.C. Central
8	Kubiak, Gary	CB	6-0	195	22	Texas A&M
9	Hawkins, Brian	DB	6-2	190	23	San Jose St.
10	Bowyer, Walt	DE	6-4	231	23	Arizona St.
11	Bailey, Don	C	6-2	243	23	Miami
12	Mecklenburg, Karl	DT	6-4	239	22	Minnesota



Denver features Gerald Willhite (#47), running behind Tom Glassic; Louis Wright (#20), and

The offensive line is less of a problem. For one thing, it improved its pass-blocking in 1982. For another there are good young players who produced last year. Ken Lamer won the right-tackle job in his second pro season. Keith Uecker divided playing time in his rookie year with veteran Claude Minor at left tackle. Dave Studdard made a successful conversion from tackle to guard. Tom Glassic and Paul Howard are seasoned and skilled. The best lineman is center Bill Bryan, voted the team's most valuable player for the second time in his career. Miami's Mark Cooper was the second round draftee, and he has the ability to play immediately at either guard or tackle.

Elway could be further helped by two coaching additions made by Reeves this year. John Hadl, a long-time NFL passing star

brought with him from Dallas three seasons ago, and they should eventually fit Elway as well as they fit Dallas' Roger Staubach.

The major questions concern the receivers who are supposed to catch Elway's passes and the offensive line which will have to protect him. Receivers are a problem with the Broncos. Steve Watson didn't have the startling statistics of his two previous seasons, but he still caught 36 passes for a 15.4-yard average. Considering some of those long-distance numbers on which he used to hook up with Morton, he could make great friends with Elway quickly. The other wide receiver is Rick Upchurch, who had 26 catches for a 15.7-yard average. But Upchurch is still the best punt-returner in the league (a 16.1 yard average and two touchdowns in 1982), so he has to perform double duty. At 30, that's wearing No. 2 reserve wide receiver had as many as ten catches. Orlando McDaniel, last year's No. 2 draftee, didn't catch a ball. The only wide receiver drafted this season is Clinton Sampson, a San Diego State product who has startling speed but who didn't produce as well as expected in college. Tight end is an even bigger worry. The incumbent is Rick Egloff, but he's really a heavy-duty guy, the extra man you use on goal-line or short-yardage situations. He caught ten passes for 96 yards. Riley Odoms, once an all-pro, is 33 and has a weight problem.

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Bronco linebacker Randy Gradishar

will be the quarterback coach. He knows from experience about starting as a rookie quarterback, because he did it with San Diego 20 years ago. The other addition is Dan Radaovich, "Mad Rad," whose work is well-respected in both pro and college football, and who put together the Los Angeles Rams' only Super Bowl line.

Denver has featured its running game to the point of boredom in recent years, but that should change with Elway at quarterback. Two rookies, Gerald Wilhite and Sammy Winder, broke in last year and played well. Wilhite averaged five yards per carry. The fullback, Rick Parros, is a sound short-yardage man

who led the team in pass receptions, with 37. One disturbing note is that the team's longest run from scrimmage was just 23 yards, by Wilhite. Reeves' offensive style needs more explosion than that, but no running backs were drafted.

Defensively, there was even more to be disturbed about. The Broncos, whose hallmark has been defense for many years, slipped to tenth in the AFC in total defense. Their pass defense was horrid. Reeves says improving that area will be his No. 1 priority.

There should be some asterisks attached to the poor show against good passers last year. Free safety Steve Foley broke his arm in the opening game. Nickle back Mike Harden was moved to Foley's position, but then he suffered a knee injury and was also lost for the season. The most distressing handicap was the losing battle defensive backfield coach Richie McCabe fought with cancer. McCabe, one of the top assistant coaches in the NFL, died shortly after the Broncos finished their season.

The two constants in the secondary were cornerback Louis Wright and strong safety Dennis Smith, one of the coming stars in the league. Foley should reclaim the free-safety assignment once again, and Harden, assuming his knee mends well, could be the nickle back. But Denver also drafted four defensive backs—Bruce Baldwin of Harding College, Victor Hellin of Delaware State, Myron Dupree of North Carolina Central, and Brian Hawkins of San Jose State.

The Bronco linebacking features one of the all-time greats at the inside position, Randy Gradishar, who was named to the Pro Bowl

for the sixth time. For the eighth straight season Gradishar led Bronco tacklers, with 151. Tom Jackson, still active as an outside backer, was named the team's most inspirational player for the second straight season. But the key is Bob Swenson. He was a stubborn hold-out last season and did not sign a contract (he was a free agent) until there were just five games remaining in the season. He was a Pro Bowl linebacker in 1981. Reeves thinks he must battle to get back in shape after the uneven season. The fourth starter is Jim Ryan, with Larry Evans the ranking sub. Young Steve Busick may be ready to challenge for a job, and the draft brings George Harris of Houston.

The linebackers get a new coach in Myre Moore, who handed the offensive line last year. He coached Denver linebackers in the early 1970s, in his first hitch with the team. Charlie West, who coached at the University of California last year, succeeds McCabe as defensive backfield coach.

The defensive line will retain its three-man alignment, except in pass rushing situations. The most productive lineman was nose tackle Don Latimer. Rulon Jones, who had two seasons as a fierce pass rusher, slipped markedly in 1982. Barney Chavous, the other end, had the most sacks, five. There is depth with veterans Brison Manor, Rubin Carter, and Greg Boyd.

Reeves made a calculated gamble last year and dumped veteran place-kicker Fred Steinfurt for free agent Rich Karlis. It worked. Karlis kicked 11 of 13 field goals. Punter Luke Prestidge's 45-yard average put him in the Pro Bowl.

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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

It's been a dozen seasons since the Chiefs made the playoffs. The last postseason game in which they were involved was in 1971, when Garo Yepremian of Miami beat them in overtime in a Christmas Day game which is considered a classic. Garo's winning kick was almost a curse for Kansas City. Little has gone right for the Chiefs since. Miami started its own dynasty that day. Pittsburgh had one. So did Dallas.

Kansas City? In the last nine years the Chiefs have had one winning season, 1981, when they went 9-7. They slid back to 3-6 last year and it cost Marv Levy his job. It wasn't just the losing. The Chiefs under Levy were a bore. Last year they were 25th in the NFL on offense, 21st in passing, 21st in running. The strange part is that K.C. scored 74 of its 176 points last season in winning two of its last three games, 37-16 over Denver and 37-13 over the New York Jets. But it was too late by then. The Kansas City brass had become far too fidgety watching the team try to go on the attack Marv's way.

Enter John Mackovic, Dallas' quarterback coach. Mackovic has the right breeding, committed to the pass; once a successful head coach who exhumed the program at Wake Forest, trained in the pro manner under Tom Landry. He was welcomed with the same sort of fanfare which greeted Paul Wiggin and Levy, but the fact remains that Hank Stram is the only winning coach the Chiefs ever had.

Mackovic's first task is obvious, stop the boredom in Arrowhead Stadium. He has two choices in filling the most important role. He can opt for experience, selecting either of two five-year pros, Steve Fuller or Bill Kenney. They split the job for three years under Levy. Kenney started the first three and final three games last year. Fuller started the three in between. Neither has particularly impressive statistics, although Kenney finished well. In his final game against the New York Jets, he passed for 223 yards, including a string of 11 consecutive completions, and fired three touchdown passes.

Mackovic's other alternative is to start fresh with the team's No. 1 draft choice, Todd Blackledge of Penn State. Blackledge passed up his final year of eligibility (his original class graduated) for the NFL. He has the sort of savvy and cool to handle a starting job as a rookie, particularly in a rebuilding situation. He had three games in which he passed for four touchdowns as a senior, and he conducted his offense in pro style against No. 2-ranked Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

Whatever option Mackovic selects, the quarterback merry-go-round is over. "I believe in one quarterback, a No. 1 quarterback," says the new coach.

While he's sorting out that decision, Mackovic also will have to find ways to make better use of the team's two previous first-round draft choices—wide receiver Anthony Hancock and tight end Willie Scott. Neither started last year. Hancock caught seven passes for 116 yards and one touchdown. Scott caught eight for 49 yards and one TD. Al Dixon was the starting tight end last year. He made 18 catches and scored twice. The top receiver was veteran wideout Henry Mar-

Quarterback Todd Blackledge was Kansas City's top draft choice.

1982 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Lowery, 74 points on 19 field goals and 17 PATs. 3rd

RUSHING—Delaney, 95 carries for 380 yards, 4.0 avg., no TDs. 14th

PASSING—Kenney, 95 of 169 attempts for 1,192 yards and 7 TDs. 7th

RECEIVING—Marshall, 40 receptions for 549 yards, 13.7 avg., 3 TDs. 7th

INTERCEPTIONS—Harris, 3 for 86 yards, 22.0 avg., 1 TD. 16th

PUNTING—Gossett, 33 punts, 41.4 avg., longest 56 yards. 4th

PUNT RETURNS—Hancock, 12 for 103 yards, 8.6 avg., .7th

KICKOFF RETURNS—Hancock, 27 for 600 yards, 22.6 avg., .8th

August	6	At Cincinnati (N)
	13	DETROIT (N)
	20	ST. LOUIS (N)
	27	At Chicago (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

1982 SCORES

September	4	SEATTLE	—
	12	SAN DIEGO (N)	19-12
	18	At Washington	—
	25	At Miami	—
October	2	ST. LOUIS	—
	9	At Los Angeles Raiders	—
	16	NEW YORK GIANTS	—
	23	At Houston	—
	30	At Denver	37-16
November	6	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	16-21
	13	CINCINNATI	—
	20	At Dallas	—
	27	At Seattle	—
December	4	BUFFALO	9-14
	11	At San Diego	—
	18	DENVER	—



shall, who had 40 receptions for 549 yards and three touchdowns. Carlos Carson matured as a pro, averaging 18.3 yards on 27 catches.

The Chiefs will face the season without one of their brightest stars—running back Joe Delaney, who drowned on June 29 in a heroic effort to save three youths who were floundering in a pond. A sensation as a rookie in 1981, when he led the Chiefs to the AFC ground-gaining title, Delaney suffered a serious eye problem during the offseason, never regained his rookie form, and then suffered nagging injuries during the 1982 season. Billy Jackson, the short-yardage specialist, was the only Chief to run for a touchdown last year. He scored three. The other fullback, Jim Hadnot, ran 46 times for a 3.7-yard average.

Whoever plays quarterback will do it behind a well-seasoned line. Guard Tom Condon and tackle Charlie Gettly are in their tenth season. Tackle Matt Herkenhoff is in his

eighth, guard Brad Budde is in his fourth. The big change is at center, where one of the team's all-time best players, Jack Rudnay, retired. Les Studdard, who got the game ball for his play against San Diego in his first pro start, will succeed him. The top newcomer is tackle Dave Lutz of Georgia Tech. Rod Humenuik, who moves from Cleveland and is the new line coach. Mackovic thinks part of the secret to good protection is how you move the quarterback around.

Defensively, the strength of the Chiefs is still in the secondary. There are two Pro Bowlers: cornerback Gary Green and free safety Gary Barbaro. The other corner, Eric Harris, led the Chiefs with three interceptions which he returned for a 22-yard average and one touchdown. The strong safety is Lloyd Burr-



No. 2 draftee Dave Lutz (#78), receiver Carlos Carson, and safety Lloyd Burruss (#34) of the Chiefs

russ, who led K.C. in pass breakups. The nickel back could be rookie Albert Lewis of Grambling, a corner who represents a bargain for the Chiefs, since they drafted him in the third round. The incumbent is Deron Cherry. Other experienced defenders are Herb Christopher, Trent Bryant, and Tim Washington.

The defensive line might be one of the most overrated parts of the team. End Art Still made the Pro Bowl again, but he had only 3½ sacks. When the Chiefs drafted Mike Bell in 1979, they envisioned him creating enough problems for the pass protectors to keep them from overplaying Still. It hasn't turned out that way. Bell had only one injury-free season (1981). Last year he missed all or parts of six games in a nine-game season. The starting nose tackle is Ken Kremer, who used to share the job with Don Parrish. When Bell isn't available, Dave Lindstrom plays end. Parrish also can fill in there. Dino Mangiero and Bill Acker do double duty.

The linebacking, if nothing else, is stable. Gary Spani is the stickout on the inside. He's joined by Jerry Blanton. On the outside are veterans Thomas Howard and Charles Jackson. Dave Klug, who replaced the injured Spani in the last game of the season and made 12 tackles against the Jets, could push someone. Calvin Daniels and Louis Haynes, high draftees last year, play on the outside.

CHIEFS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college
76	Acker, Bill	DL	6-3	255	27	4	Texas
26	Barbaro, Gary	S	6-4	210	29	8	Nicholls St.
85	Beckman, Ed	TE	6-4	239	28	7	Florida St.
99	Bell, Mike	DE	6-4	260	26	4	Colorado St.
57	Blanton, Jerry	LB	6-1	236	27	5	Kentucky
45	Bryant, Trent	CB	5-10	178	26	3	Arkansas
86	Budde, Brad	G	6-4	280	25	4	Southern Cal.
34	Burruss, Lloyd	S	6-0	202	26	3	Maryland
88	Carson, Carlos	WR	5-11	174	25	4	LSU
20	Cherry, Deron	S	5-11	190	24	3	Rutgers
41	Christopher, Herb	S	5-10	198	29	5	Morris Brown
65	Condon, Tom	G	6-3	275	31	10	Boston College
50	Daniels, Calvin	LB	6-3	236	25	2	North Carolina
84	Dixon, Al	TE	6-5	238	29	7	Iowa St.
4	Fulter, Steve	QB	6-4	198	26	5	Clemson
11	Giagliano, Bob	QB	6-3	185	25	3	Utah St.
21	Gaines, Clark	RB	6-1	214	29	7	Wake Forest
77	Gettly, Charlie	T	6-4	270	31	10	Penn. St.
7	Gossell, Jeff	P	6-2	187	26	3	E. Illinois
24	Green, Gary	CB	5-11	191	28	7	Baylor
48	Hadnot, James	RB	6-2	245	26	4	Texas Tech.
82	Hancock, Anthony	WR	6-0	187	23	2	Tennessee
44	Harris, Eric	CB	6-3	202	28	4	Memphis
56	Haynes, Louis	LB	6-0	227	23	2	N. Texas St.
60	Herkenhoff, Matt	T	6-4	272	32	8	Minnesota
52	Howard, Thomas	LB	6-2	215	29	7	Texas Tech.
43	Jackson, Billy	RB	5-10	215	24	3	Alabama
51	Jackson, Charles	LB	6-2	222	28	6	Washington
9	Kanney, Bill	QB	6-4	211	28	5	N. Colorado
55	Klug, Dave	LB	6-4	230	25	3	Concordia
91	Kremer, Ken	NT	6-4	252	26	5	Balt. St.
71	Lindstrom, Dave	DE	6-6	255	29	6	Boston U.
8	Lowery, Nick	K	6-4	189	27	4	Dartmouth
74	Mangiero, Dino	DL	6-2	264	25	4	Rutgers
89	Marshall, Henry	WR	6-2	220	29	8	Missouri
53	Olanchalk, John	C-LB	6-0	225	28	2	Stanford
61	Parrish, Don	DL	6-2	255	28	6	Pittsburgh
38	Requiemere, Durwood	S	6-1	180	23	2	Texas A&M
70	Rourke, Jim	OL	6-5	263	26	4	Boston College
81	Scott, Willie	TE	6-4	245	24	3	South Carolina
73	Simmons, Bob	G	6-4	255	29	7	Texas
86	Smith, J.T.	WR	6-2	185	28	6	Texas St.
59	Spani, Gary	LB	6-2	228	27	6	Kansas State
89	Steinfeld, Al	OL	6-4	260	25	2	C.W. Post
67	Still, Art	DE	6-7	252	28	6	Kentucky
64	Studdard, Les	C	6-4	260	25	2	Texas
39	Thompson, Del	RB	6-0	203	25	2	Tex. El-Paso

CHIEFS DRAFT PICKS

rd.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	college
1	Blackledge, Todd	QB	6-3	225	22	Penn. St.
2	Lutz, Dave	OT	6-5	280	24	Georgia Tech.
3	Lewis, Albert	DB	6-2	190	23	Grambling
4	Wetzel, Ron	TE	6-5	242	23	Arizona St.
5	Arnold, Jim	P	6-2	212	22	Vanderbilt
6	Gardner, Ellis	OT	6-4	263	22	Georgia Tech.
7	Thomas, Ken	RB	5-9	211	24	San Jose St.
7	Posey, Darryl	RB	6-0	209	23	Miss. College
8	Eatman, Irv	OT	6-6	283	22	UCLA
9	Lingner, Adam	C	6-4	240	23	Illinois
10	Shumate, Mark	DT	6-4	260	23	Wisconsin
11	Jackson, DeWayne	DE	6-3	247	22	S.C. St.
12	Jones, Ken	OT	6-4	251	23	Tennessee

Kansas City has one of the better place-kickers in Nick Lowery, who connected on 19 field goals in 24 attempts. His 79.2 percent mark broke the team record set by Jan Stenerud in 1969. Jeff Gossett, the incumbent punter, will be challenged by Vanderbilt's Jim Arnold, who averaged 45.8 yards as a senior and led the nation in net punting average.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Talk about identity crises. The Seahawks are on their third head coach in less than a year. They started last season with Jack Patera, who would make James Watt appear flexible. During the strike, the Seattle management reassessed the football operation and came to the conclusion that it was regressing. Patera was told not to bother coming back when play resumed.

Mike McCormack came out of the front office to coach the team in its last seven games. If Patera had all the warmth of a prison warden, McCormack was a forgiving dad who let you borrow the car, then let you off the hook when you returned it with a dent in the fender. The team was 4-3 under him.

"I proved something to myself in that stretch," says McCormack, who had losing records in previous stints with Philadelphia and Baltimore. "but I made a decision not to coach anymore."

Since general manager John Thompson went down with his ship (Patera), McCormack's job was to find his own successor. Chuck Knox was the man he decided on. Knox left Buffalo a year before his contract was up, disillusioned by what he felt was a lack of commitment on the part of Bills' owner Ralph Wilson.



Tackle Robert Hardy (left) and end Jacob Green of the Seahawks

He thinks the Seattle ownership has the necessary commitment.

Knox brings to Seattle something the Seahawks have been without since their inception—a background of success. He won five consecutive division championships with the Los Angeles Rams. He inherited a football corpse in Buffalo, but he won a division championship with the Bills in his third season. He is likely to operate in Seattle as he did in Buffalo, since he inherited a talented team in L.A. In Buffalo he used his first season mostly to observe, to discover which pegs fit in which holes. Another asset he brings to Seattle is a

staff which includes six assistants who worked with him in Buffalo. A seventh, Ken Meyer, was on his staff in L.A. One of the most important members is Tom Catlin, Knox's assistant head coach, who runs the defense.

"I think we have a good defensive nucleus," says Knox, referring to a unit which includes six players who were first-round draft choices. Nucleus or not, the Hawks finished next-to-last in the AFC in defense against the run. Catlin's defensive philosophy always starts with stopping the run. The first major decision made by Knox and Catlin probably will concern the basic alignment used on

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defense. In his second year with the Bills, Knox converted to the 3-4, which was one of the reasons the Bills became a playoff team. Seattle has been a 4-3 team.

"We're also considering the idea of using Jacob Green, who has been strictly a defensive end, as a combination down lineman and linebacker, like Miami uses A.J. Duhe. Green is a superior athlete."

One of the memorable vignettes of the 1982 season was a sideline shot of a disgusted Michael Jackson slamming his fist into the back of a bench, knocking it over, during a Seahawks' defeat. Jackson was moved to middle linebacker for the last two games of the season after leading the team in tackles from the outside. One of the coaching decisions will be to decide where Jackson fits into the new lineup.

Kenny Easley, the rugged safety, was elected to the Pro Bowl in his second pro season. He trailed only Jackson in tackles and intercepted four passes. He could become

1982 SEAHAWKS RECORD

SCORING—N. Johnson, 43 points on 10 field goals and 13 PATs. 12th

RUSHING—S. Smith, 63 carries for 202 yards, 3.2 avg., no TDs. 28th

PASSING—Zorn, 126 of 245 attempts for 1,540 yards and 7 TDs. 12th

RECEIVING—Largent, 34 receptions for 493 yards, 14.5 avg., 3 TDs. 14th

INTERCEPTIONS—Easley, 4 for 48 yards, 12.0 avg. 7th

PUNTING—West, 48 punts, 38.2 avg., longest 52 yards. 13th

PUNT RETURNS—Johns, 19 for 210 yards, 11.1 avg. 3rd

KICKOFF RETURNS—Ivory, 10 for 224 yards, 22.4 avg. 19th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	5	At Denver (N)
	12	GREEN BAY (N)
	19	MINNESOTA (N)
	27	At San Francisco

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	18	NEW ENGLAND

Linebacker Joe Norman (inset) and running back Curt Warner, the Seahawks' No. 1 pick

one of the handful of superstar defensive players in the NFL. The rest of the secondary is heavily experienced, one of the reasons Seattle finished third in the entire NFL in pass defense. The other safety, John Harris, led the league in interceptions in 1981 and is the team's career interception leader. Keith Simpson, who should be more productive than he has been in his five pro seasons, plays one corner, with veteran Dave Brown, who has 25 career interceptions, at the other.

The Seahawks have another linebacker of startling potential, 6-foot-6, 240-pound Bruce Scholtz. In one game against Denver last year he had a dozen tackles, a sack, forced one fumble and recovered another and blocked two passes. The ex-Texas star was named to the all-rookie team. The rest of the linebacking corps includes regular Keith Butler and two rookies who started the final game—Eugene Williams and Shelton Robinson. Returning from the injured list is ex-starter Joe Norman, who missed the 1982 season due to a knee injury.

Jeff Bryant, who impressed the new coaches as well as the old ones with his play as a rookie, should be the other end. Manu Tuasosopo and Robert Hardy, the incumbent tackles, should vie for the nose-tackle job, maybe split it.

Offensively, the major news is that the Seahawks should have a viable running game for the first time. Knox traded his own first-, second-, and third-round picks to Houston in return for the right to draft Penn State back Curt Warner. It could be the reverse of the Tony Dorsett deal for the Seahawks, still smarting from that 1978 trade which sent Dorsett to Dallas. Warner has the speed to get outside, which no other high-caliber Seattle back ever had. He also is strong enough to run inside, and he catches the ball well.

With Warner on board, Sherman Smith may be switched to fullback. He started ahead of Theotis Brown at running back last year, but Knox thinks he's better suited to challenge Dan Doornink and David Hughes. Since Smith is a receiver of skill, Knox could have a versatile offense, with Warner used as a receiver as well as a ball carrier.

Chances are that Warner will not be risked with a lot of heavy pounding though until Knox



is sure that he has an improved offensive line. An old line coach himself, he wasn't impressed with what he saw of his new bunch on film. One of his first moves will be to convert Steve August from tackle to guard, where he is less likely to be overmatched against far bigger defensive ends. Ron Essink also may have good possibilities for Ray Prochaska, the new line coach. Center John Yarno, guard Robert Pratt, and Edwin Bailey, who played both tackle and guard last year, will take on all comers. The veteran challengers will include guard Bill Dugan, Dennis Boyd, who spent most of the year on the injured list, and center Art Kuehn. Bob Clasby may be converted from defense to improve the line. Add Blair Bush, acquired from Cincinnati in late June.

Dave Krieg finished the season at quarterback, but Knox had Jim Zorn on his development squad in Los Angeles in 1975 and always liked him. Zorn is 1,124 yards away from a career 20,000. Krieg won some points when he came off the bench to beat Denver

Quarterback Jim Zorn (above) directs the offense and safety Ken Easley (#45) the Seattle "D."



with a 19-yard touchdown pass to Roger Carr in the final 47 seconds.

The general slide of the Seattle offense limited Steve Largent to 34 catches, three touchdowns, and a 14.5-yard average. Carr, obtained from Baltimore, may not be Knox's type of player, but he averaged 17.7 yards on his 15 catches. The next best available receiver is sub Paul Johns, who averaged 15.6 yards on his 15 catches. The first draftee after Warner—No. 5—was a wide receiver, Chris Castor of Duke. Both tight ends, Pete Metzelaars and Mike Tice, are likely to be used often, particularly if Knox wants to put some muscle in front of Warner.

Rookie kicker Norm Johnson was successful on ten of his last 11 field-goal tries. Punter Jeff West did not do well enough not to be tested in training camp.

NFL DRAFT PICKS BY COLLEGE									
no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college	NFL	
12	Adkins, Sam	QB	6-2	214	28	7	Wichita St.		
63	Anderson, Fredell	DE	6-4	245	29	4	Prairie View		
76	August, Steve	T	6-5	254	29	7	Tulsa		
65	Bailey, Edwin	G	6-4	265	24	3	S.C. St.		
82	Bell, Mark	DE	6-4	240	26	4	Colorado St.		
68	Boyd, Dennis	T	6-6	265	28	6	Oregon St.		
22	Brown, Dave	CB	6-2	190	30	9	Michigan		
30	Brown, Theotis	RB	6-2	225	26	5	UCLA		
31	Bryant, Cullen	FB	6-1	235	32	11	Colorado		
77	Bryant, Jeff	DE	6-5	280	23	2	Clemson		
53	Butler, Keith	LB	6-4	225	27	6	Memphis St.		
71	Campbell, Jack	T	6-5	277	25	2	Utah		
87	Carr, Roger	WR	6-2	195	31	10	La. Tech		
33	Doornink, Dan	FB	6-3	210	27	6	Wash. St.		
25	Duke, Dan	S	6-0	195	29	7	Michigan		
66	Dugan, Bill	G	6-4	271	24	3	Penn. St.		
45	Easley, Kenny	S	6-3	206	24	3	UCLA		
64	Essink, Ron	T	6-6	254	26	4	Grand Valley		
50	Flores, Brian	LB	6-1	228	24	3	Wash. St.		
56	Gaines, Greg	LB	6-3	220	26	2	Tennessee		
78	Graham, David	DE	6-6	250	24	2	Morehouse		
79	Green, Jacob	DE	6-3	247	26	4	Texas A&M		
75	Hardy, Robert	DT	6-2	250	27	5	Jackson St.		
44	Harris, John	S	6-2	200	27	6	Arizona St.		
46	Hughes, David	FB	6-0	220	24	3	Boise St.		
32	Ivory, Horace	RB	6-0	198	29	7	Oklahoma		
55	Jackson, Michael	LB	6-1	220	26	5	Washington		
85	Johns, Paul	WR	5-11	170	25	3	Tulsa		
27	Johnson, Gregory	S	6-1	188	25	3	Oklahoma St.		
9	Johnson, Norm	K	6-2	193	23	2	UCLA		
26	Justin, Kerry	CB	5-11	175	28	6	Oregon St.		
62	Kauahi, Kani	C	6-2	260	24	2	Hawaii		
17	Krieg, Dave	QB	6-1	185	25	4	Millon		
80	Kuehn, Art	C	6-3	255	30	8	UCLA		
37	Lane, Eric	RB	6-0	195	24	3	Brigham Young		
80	Largent, Steve	WR	5-11	184	29	8	Tulsa		
48	McAllister, Ken	S	6-5	210	23	2	San Francisco		
88	Metzelaars, Pete	TE	6-7	240	23	2	Wabash		
72	Nash, Joe	DT	6-3	260	23	2	Boston College		
52	Norman, Joe	LB	6-1	220	27	4	Indiana		
61	Pratt, Robert	G	6-4	250	32	10	North Carolina		
57	Robinson, Shelton	LB	6-2	233	23	2	North Carolina		
81	Sawyer, John	TE	6-2	230	30	8	So. Miss.		
58	Scholtz, Bruce	LB	6-6	240	25	2	Texas		
42	Simpson, Keith	CB	6-1	185	27	6	Memphis St.		
47	Smith, Sherman	RB	6-4	225	29	8	Miami (OH)		
59	Thomas, Rodell	LB	6-2	225	25	3	Alabama St.		
86	Tice, Mike	TE	6-7	250	24	3	Maryland		
74	Tuasosopo, Manu	DT	6-3	252	26	5	UCLA		
89	Walker, Byron	WR	6-4	190	23	2	Citadel		
8	West, Jeff	P	6-2	220	30	8	Cincinnati		
70	White, Mike	DT	6-5	266	26	5	Albany		
54	Williams, Eugene	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Tulsa		
51	Yarno, John	C	6-5	251	29	7	Idaho		
10	Zorn, Jim	QB	6-2	200	30	8	Cal Poly-Pomona		

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Warner, Curt	RB	6-2	215	22	Penn. St.
5	Castor, Chris	WR	6-0	160	22	Duke
6	Gipson, Reginald	RB	6-0	190	23	Alabama A&M
7	Merriman, Sam	LB	6-4	218	22	Idaho
8	Herrandez, Matt	DT	6-6	250	23	Purdue
9	Clasby, Bob	DT	6-6	260	22	Noire Dame
10	Speros, Pete	OG	6-2	255	22	Penn. St.
11	Mayberry, Bob	OG	6-5	260	23	Clemson
12	Dow, Don	OT	6-6	280	23	Washington

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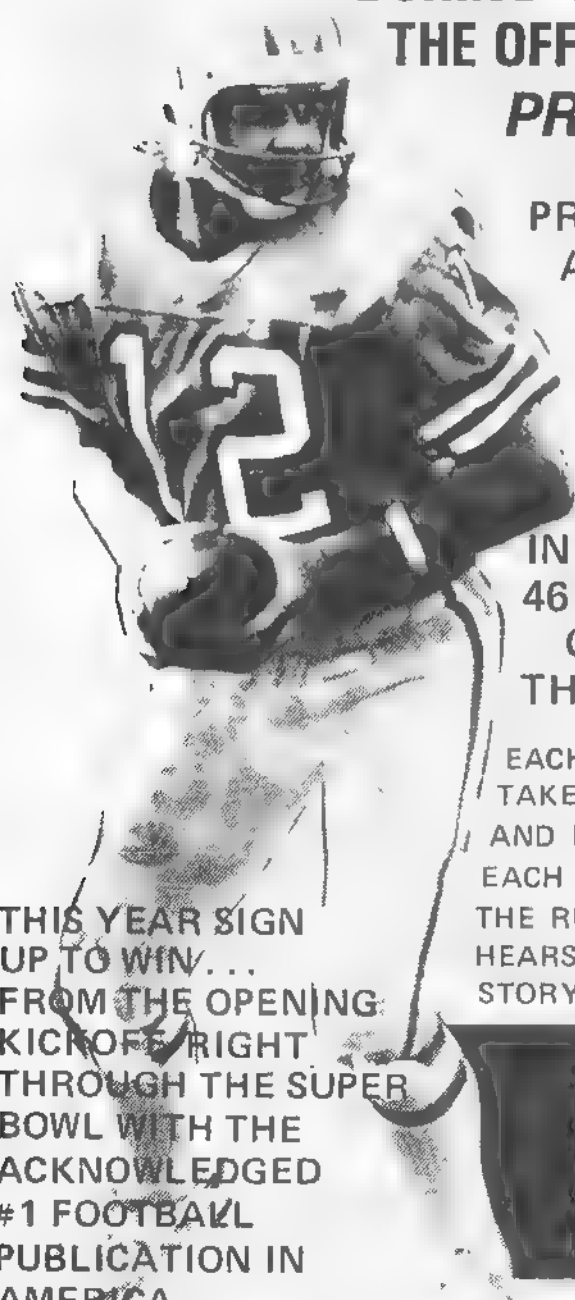
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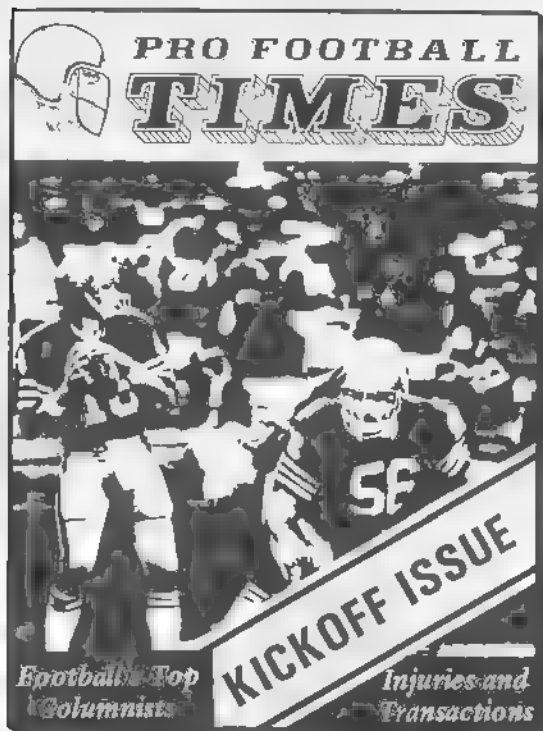
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							college
40	Alexander, Charles	RB	6-1	220	26	5	LSU
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-3	212	34	13	Augustana
61	Boyersley, Jerry	NT	6-3	212	24	13	Pittsburgh
10	Brecht, Jim	K	5-6	161	27	5	California
34	Breeden, Louis	CB	5-11	185	30	6	N.C. Central
79	Browner, Ross	DE	6-3	261	29	6	Notre Dame
74	Bujnoch, Glenn	G	6-6	265	30	8	Texas A&M
67	Burley, Gary	DE	6-3	274	31	8	Pittsburgh
50	Cameron, Glenn	H		128	30	9	Florida
76	Corliss, Glen	DE	6-1	261	24	2	Miss St.
80	Corlissworth, Chris	WR	6-1	174	24	2	Florida
85	Curtis, Isaac	WR	6-1	192	33	11	San Diego St.
52	Dinke, Tom	LB	6-3	213	27	6	Kansas
73	Edwards, Eddie	DE	6-1	256	29	7	Miami
49	Frazier, Guy	LB	6-1	215	24	3	Wyoming
42	Fulmer, Mike	DB	5-10	182	30	9	Auburn
45	Giffin, Archie	RB	5-9	184	29	8	Ohio St.
44	Giffin, Ray	CB	5-10	186	27	6	Ohio St.
53	Harris, Bo	LB	6-3	226	30	9	LSU
83	Harris, M.L.	TE	6-5	238	29	4	Kansas St.
27	Hicks, Bryan	S	5-10	192	26	4	McNeese St.
82	Holman, Rodney	TE	6-3	230	23	2	Tulane
37	Jackson, Robert	DE	5-10	184	28	2	Cent. Michigan
46	Johnson, Pete	DE	6-0	249	25	7	Ohio St.
26	Kemp, Bobby	DE	6-0	186	24	3	Cal. St.
86	Kreider, Steve	WR	6-3	192	25	5	Memphis
62	Latham, Dave	TE	6-4	262	31	0	Syracuse
55	Le Clair, Jim	LB	6-3	234	33	12	Nebraska
87	McInally, Pat	F	6-6	212	30	8	Harvard
65	Montoya, Max	G	6-5	275	27	5	UCLA
60	Moore, Blake	G	6-5	267	25	4	Wyoming
78	Mumoz, Anthony	T	6-6	278	25	4	San Cal.
68	Obrovac, Mike	T	6-6	274	28	3	Bowling Green
51	Razzano, Rick	G	6-5	272	28	4	Wyo. Tech.
13	Riley, Ken	B	6-0	183	36	4	Texas A&M
69	Ross, Dan	TE	6-4	232	26	4	Nebraska
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56	Smickles, Ron	LB	6-1	230	27	3	Michigan
23	St. Clair, Ron	RB	5-11	190	24	2	Texas
8	St. Clair, Ron	WR	6-1	200	25	3	Kansas
2	Warner, Ray	T	6-3	290	26	2	Kent State
16	Ward, Charles	NT	6-4	260	23	2	So. Carolina
17	Ward, Charles	NT	6-3	26	28	7	Idaho St.
17	Ward, Charles	LB	6-1	226	29	8	Idaho St.
7	Ward, Mike	T	6-5	27	28	1	Idaho St.

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Armstrong, Dave	C	6-2	296	23	Nebraska
2	Horton, Ray	DB	5-11	188	22	Washington
3	Turner, Jim	DB	5-11	183	22	UCLA
4	Mandow, Steve	LB	6-1	227	23	Michigan St.
5	Christensen, Jeff	QB	6-2	200	22	Idaho
6	DeAyala, Kirk	LB	6-3	235	23	Texas
6	Klinebrew, Larry	RB	6-1	250	22	Tennessee S.
7	Griff, James	DB	6-0	190	22	Memphis
8	Martin, Mike	WR	5-10	180	23	Idaho
9	Wynson, Stanley	RB	6-1	196	23	Oklahoma
10	Klinebrew, Tim	DT	6-3	255	23	Washington
11	Williams, Gary	WR	6-1	205	22	Idaho St.
12	Young, Andre	LB	6-1	215	22	Bowling Green



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THE CINCINNATI BENGALS

The Cincinnati Bengals were cruising along at Super Bowl speed and then, . . . ooooo! something awful happened to their defense. The Bengals can pinpoint the moment. It was just a few days before Christmas, in a game against the Chargers on a Monday night. Ken Anderson had one of his hot hands and the Bengals led 17-7. But then Dan Fouts, Wes Chandler, James Brooks, and the rest of Don Coryell's merry band of attackers came and kept coming. They scored 23 points in the third quarter, ten more in the fourth, and suddenly it seemed everyone discovered the combination to the Bengal defense.

Three of the Bengals' final four opponents averaged more than 40 points and 500 yards a game. That isn't Super Bowl stuff. The New York Jets emphasized that in the playoffs when they spotted the Bengals a 14-3 lead and then outscored them, 41-3, in the first round. "Everybody seemed to be tentative and timid," said coach Forrest Gregg. That was strange because just around Thanksgiving the Cincinnati defense put on one of the season's better shows in handing the Los Angeles Raiders their first loss. They stopped Marcus Allen on zero net yardage, held the Raiders to 33 yards total rushing and intercepted Jim Plunkett four times.

The damage doesn't seem to be irreparable. For one thing, most of the Bengal defenders are not in the aged category. The oldest, 36-year-old cornerback Ken Riley, had a decent year, tying for the AFC leads in interceptions, with five. Gregg thinks they can snap back to a reasonable facsimile of their Super Bowl season. "They've done it before," he says, "and they can do it again." Just in case they can't, Gregg has some youngsters he

wants to take a long look at. He drafted Nebraska center Dave Rimington on the first round, but then four of the next five picks were defenders.

The front three, nose tackle Wilson Whitley and ends Ross Browner and Eddie Edwards, aren't dominant players, but they are savvy and experienced. "Glen Collins should be an effective player this year, and he should be challenging our ends for a starting position," says Gregg of last year's first-round pick.

"Some people who haven't been playing much are going to play more, particularly among our linebackers," added Gregg. Glenn Cameron, one of the inside linebackers, graded high, but veterans Jim LeClair on the inside and Bo Harris and Reggie Williams on the outside may be in jeopardy. Guy Frazier, Jeff Schuh, Ron Simpkins, and Rick Razzano will be tested in training camp. Michigan State's Steve Maidlow was a fourth-round draftee.

Best among the defensive backs was strong safety Bobby Kemp. Louis Breeden is the other corner, he is first-rate when healthy. Mike Fuller may be challenged at free safety and Ray Griffin at nickel back. The second and third draft choices were Washington's Ray Horton and UCLA's Jim Turner, both defensive backs.

If Hank Bullough, the defensive coordinator, can put things back together, the Bengals should be among the most serious contenders again, since the offense is top rank.

In case anyone suspected that Ken Anderson was losing it as a premier quarterback at age 34, he broke Sammy Baugh's 37-year-old mark for best pass completion record ever, 70.55 percent. He did it on the final day of the season against Houston with 20 consecutive completions, also an NFL record, on his way to a 27 for 31 afternoon. "I honestly think he played a little better," said offensive coordinator Lindy Infante, comparing 1982 to Anderson's Super Bowl season. He also had the

Cinci's Ken Anderson and Pete Johnson, Ken Riley and Louis Breeden, and Glenn Cameron (#50)

lowest interception percentage among the NFL's top passers.

Pushed by Anderson's performance, Cincinnati finished second to San Diego in NFL offense. The emphasis is on the pass, of course, but fullback Pete Johnson had his usual competent season—622 yards, a four-yard average, and seven touchdowns. Charles Alexander had a so-so year, with 207 yards and a 3.2-yard average—a long run of just 12 yards—but Gregg seems satisfied. He selected two running backs, Larry Kinnebrew of Tennessee State and Stanley Wilson of Oklahoma, late in the draft.



SCORING—Breech, 67 points on 14 field goals and 25 PATs. 4th.
RUSHING—Johnson, 156 carries for 622 yards, 4.0 avg. 7 TDs. 6th.
PASSING—Anderson, 218 of 309 attempts for 2,495 yards and 12 TDs. 1st.
RECEIVING—Collinsworth, 49 receptions for 700 yards, 14.3 avg. 1 TD. 3rd.
INTERCEPTIONS—Riley, 5 for 86 yards, 17.6 avg. 1 TD. 1st.
PUNTING—McInally, 31 punts, 38.7 avg., longest 53 yards. 9th.
PLANT RETURNS—Fuller, 17 for 95 yards, 5.6 avg. 11th.
KICKOFF RETURNS—Tate, 14 for 314 yards, 22.4 avg. 19th.

PRESEASON

August 6 At KANSAS CITY (N)
12 At Washington (N)
18 NEW YORK JETS (N)
27 At Detroit (N)

		1982 SCORES
September 4	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	31-17
11	BUFFALO	—
15	At Cleveland (N)	—
25	At Tampa Bay	—
October 2	BA. TIMORE	20-17
10	PITTSBURGH (N)	—
16	At Denver	—
23	CLEVELAND	23-10
30	GREEN BAY	—
November 6	At Houston	35-27
13	At Kansas City	—
20	HOUSTON	27-6
28	At Miami (N)	—
December 4	At Pittsburgh	(overtime) 20-26
11	DETROIT	—
17	At Minnesota	—



Anderson has some of the best receivers in the league. Cris Collinsworth caught 49 passes and tight end Dan Ross 47. Cincinnati still gets a lot of mileage out of an aging Isaac Curtis (23 catches, 13.9-yard average) and utility man Steve Kreder (16 catches for 144). The mystery is David Verser, the No. 1 pick two years ago. He caught only four balls last year, although one went for a 56-yard touchdown. The draft brings two interesting long shots: little Mike Martin, who was Tony Eason's top target at Illinois, and Gary Williams, who was a major producer at Ohio State. Ross will be in his lame-duck season. He has signed a future contract with the Boston Breakers of the USFL. The Bengals have two other tight ends: M. L. Harris, who fills in on the double tight-end formation and caught three touchdown passes last year, and Rodney Holman, who did well in brief appearances as a rookie.

Anderson's backup, Turk Schonert, a journeyman, has sketchy experience. The draft brings Jeff Christensen of Eastern Illinois. Of course, while Anderson is still at the top of his game, no one else is going to do much playing. Schonert was the only other Bengal to throw a pass last season.

The offensive line was one of the strong points of the Bengals' when they forced their way into the Super Bowl two years ago, and it still is. Exhibit A is tackle Anthony Muñoz. Not only is he a fixture as an all-pro after just two seasons, but now NFL people are speaking of him as an all-time great. The other tackle is the solid Mike Wilson. Dave Lapham and Max Montoya, the starters, and swing man Genn Bujnoch all are dependable guards.

There was almost an interesting struggle at center. The team's No. 1 draft pick is Nebraska center Dave Rimington, who won the Outland Trophy the last two seasons as the outstanding lineman in college football. But there



SCORING—Anderson, 52 points on 10 field goals and 22 PATS. 10th
RUSHING—Harris, 140 carries for 604 yards, 4.3 avg., 2 TDs. 7th
PASSING—Bradshaw, 127 of 240 attempts for 1,768 yards and 17 TDs. 5th
RECEIVING—Harris, 31 receptions for 249 yards, 8.0 avg., no TDs. 17th
INTERCEPTIONS—Woodruff, 5 for 53 yards, 10.6 avg. 3rd
PUNTING—Goodson, 49 punts, 40.4 avg., longest 66 yards. 6th
PUNT RETURNS—Woods, 13 for 142 yards, 10.9 avg. 4th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Bohannon, 14 for 329 yards, 23.5 avg. 4th

July 30 New Orleans (Hall of Fame Canton, OH)
 August 6 New England (Knoxville, TN)
 13 NEW YORK GIANTS
 20 At Dallas
 25 At Philadelphia

1983 SCHEDULE		1982 SCORES
September 4	DENVER	
11	At Green Bay	—
18	At Houston	24-10
25	NEW ENGLAND	37-14
October 2	HOUSTON	
10	At Cincinnati (N)	—
16	CLEVELAND	37-21
23	At Seattle	0-16
30	TAMPA BAY	—
November 6	SAN DIEGO	
13	At Baltimore	—
20	MINNESOTA	—
24	At Detroit	—
December 4	CINCINNATI	(overtime) 26-20
10	At New York Jets	—
18	At Cleveland	9-10



were mixed reviews on him from pro scouts, partly because he is suited for no other position but center, partly because they think he may have a questionable knee. The man he replaces, Blair Bush, was traded to Seattle for a future draft choice.

Pet McNally used to punt a lot better when he also got to play as a receiver. He didn't catch a pass last year and his punting averages took a noticeable dip, both gross and net. Jim Breech had an excellent season as the place-kicker. His overall record was 14 for 18, but his best statistic was only one miss in 11 attempts from within the 40-yard line. That was from the 39.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

The Steelers made the playoffs for the first time in three years, and it's clear this is a team on the make. But no one is making claims about a new era of Super Bowl championships. Some of the Super Steeler rooters can be excused if they see parallels, however, since there is a major bridge between the Steelers then and the Steelers now—Terry Bradshaw.

Bradshaw is 35, but the Steeler brass predicts that he could be playing efficiently at 38 or 39. Judging from the way he finished last season, one would have to agree. After suffering through an awful slump in which the offense was shut out twice in four games, Bradshaw rallied his team to high-scoring victories over New England and Cleveland in the final

Linebacker Jack Lambert (#58) and quarterback Terry Bradshaw with center Mike Webster of Pittsburgh

two regular season games. In the memorable playoff battle against San Diego he passed for 325 yards and two touchdowns, although the Chargers won it, 31-28, with two late TDs. Terry still has the hunger. He tied Dan Fouts of San Diego for the 1982 touchdown pass championship, with 17.

There are unexpected problems in the Steeler passing game. Wide receiver Lynn Swann, one of the team's all-time best players, retired, but that was expected. The shock was Jim Smith's decision to jump to the rival JSFL. The loss of Smith can't be minimized. He averaged 22.8 yards on 17 catches and scored four touchdowns. Smith caught 16 TD passes in the 1980 and 81 seasons.

The Steelers must come up with someone to complement John Stalworth, who had another big year with seven touchdowns among his 27 catches and a per-catch average of 16.3 yards. One possibility is Greg Hawthorne, who started as a running back, has played some tight end, and got his first extensive use as a wide receiver last year when he averaged 15.2 yards on 12 catches and scored three touchdowns. Half the first six draft choices were wide receivers. The most notable is Wayne Capers of Kansas, who has all the appropriate numbers for size and speed but who had a rocky senior season during which he dropped a lot of passes. The others are possession receivers, Paul Skansi of Washington and Greg Garrity of national champion Penn State. Bennie Cunningham had his second straight productive season at tight end and, with Smith and Swann gone, he could become far more prominent as a receiver.

The "X" factor in the Steeler offense is run-

ning back Walter Abercrombie, last year's No. 1 draft choice. He could put some added explosion in the attack. Abercrombie had a big preseason, then hurt his knee. He came back strong enough to make the team's longest run from scrimmage, 34 yards last year.

The amazing Franco Harris is still a factor at an age (33) when most running backs are finished. His 604 yards ranked ninth in NFL rushing. His 4.3-yards-per-carry average was exceeded only by three others in the top ten. He may pay even less than last year considering his age and particularly if Abercrombie is ready. There may be political implications too. Franco needs just 294 yards to pass O.J. Simpson for second place on the all-time ground-gaining list. He is just 1,469 yards—about two average seasons—away from the all-time mark of 12,312, held by Jim Brown. Franco needs playing time to reach those milestones. The Steelers have two other useful running backs, Frank Pollard and short-yardage specialist Russell Davis.

Smith wasn't the only defector to the USFL. A so jumping were two key offensive linemen, starting tackle Ray Pinney and swing guard Tyrone McGriff. Pinney is a crucial loss. A versatile athlete, he moved over to play tight end in special situations. He also could play center and guard. McGriff was rated on a level with the starters. Replacing Pinney could be a major problem. Ted Peterson started 15 games at tackle in 1979 and '80, but he had not fully recovered from his hip injury last year. Tunch Ilkin, an ex-center, is another possibility, but he hasn't played much tackle. John Meyer, last year's No. 2 draftee, was being used as a defensive end, but Pinney's defec-



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NOV 29 TAMPA BAY (-2 1/2) 23	MIAMI DOLPHINS 17	WIN
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DEC 4 NAVY (-9 1/2) 24	ARMY 7	WIN
DEC 5 CHICAGO BEARS (P) 26	N E PATRIOTS 13	WIN
DEC 6 OVER 39 POINTS JETS 28-LIONS 13		WIN
DEC 11 GIANTS (-2) 23	EAGLES 7	WIN
DEC 12 CARDINALS (P) 7	REDSKINS 12	LOSE
DEC 13 OVER 39 POINTS COWBOYS 37-OILERS 7		WIN
DEC 18 OVER 38 POINTS JETS 19-DOLPHINS 20		WIN
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Defensive tackle Gabriel Rivera (top), the Steelers' top draftee, and running back Franco Harris

tion could change that. The Steelers still have two Pro Bowlers in the line. Mike Webster, the center made it for the fifth straight year. Larry Brown, the underrated tackle, finally made it for the first time in his twelfth season. The guards, Steve Courson and Craig Wolfley, are rugged, hard-working, weight-lifter types.

Defensively, the big news in '82 was a successful switch from the traditional 4-3 alignment which carried the Steelers to four Super Bowl victories to the currently popular 3-4. The results: the Steelers allowed the fourth-worst number of points, 146, in the league; they held six opponents to 16 points or under; they had 34 sacks in nine regular-season games, second in the league; they allowed only 84.7 yards rushing per game, a team record and a league-leading figure.

Don't confuse what's happening in the 3-4 with the glory days of Mean Joe Greene, Mad Dog Dwight White, Jack Ham, et al. A hefty

portion of those sacks came from blitzing linebackers and defensive backs. The Steelers' pass-defense statistics were among the worst in the NFL, too. But this is an improving bunch.

The nose tackle in the new alignment is Gary Dunn, who tied for the team lead in sacks. Just to be sure about the position, the Steelers made Gabe "Senor Sack" Rivera a Texas Tech their No. 1 draft choice. Rivera is a roughneck whose weight sometimes gets up near 300. "Fastest fat guy I've ever seen," says George Young, general manager of the New York Giants. Tom Beasley and John Goodman are the ends. Beasley had a big start, sacking six in his first six games. He suffered a neck injury, however, and played no more. Young Edmund Nelson started for

Beasley after he was hurt and played well enough to merit large consideration for the future. Bob Kohrs, who played end in 1981, was used as sort of a "wild-card" defender, lining up at inside linebacker but used as a blitzing end on a stand-up position.

With Jack Ham retired, at least one position is thrown open. It could get down to a scramble between two kids. Bryan Hinkle and Mike Merrweather. Hinkle spent 1981 on injured reserve, but he was impressive during the first half of last season. Merrweather's speed and aggressiveness got him more playing time last year than any rookie linebacker since Jack Lambert. The other outside linebacker position belongs to Robin Cole, who is far better suited for the 3-4 than he was for the previous Steeler defense. When the Steelers are confronted by passing situations, he moves into the line as an end. Formerly he was pulled in such situations.

No matter the shape of the alignment, Jack Lambert is still king of the linebacker jungle in pro football. If he makes the Pro Bowl this season it will be his ninth consecutive honor, breaking a tie for the record he holds with Ham. Loren Toews, who has been a Steeler even longer than Lambert, had his best year as the other inside starter. The team is deep in backers, with David Little, Craig Bingham, Sal Sunseri, and Steve Fedak in reserve. Todd Seabaugh of San Diego State was drafted on the third round last spring.

Donnie Shell, the veteran strong safety, made the Pro Bowl for the fifth time last year. Ron Johnson is still learning free safety after converting from corner, but his successor on the corner, Dwayne Woodruff, was voted the team's most valuable player. Mel Blount was still playing well at 35 on the other corner.

The most pleasant surprise of 1982 for the Steelers was getting place-kicker Gary Anderson on waivers from Buffalo. He connected on 10 of 12 kicks. The punting job will be a con-

STEELERS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
34	Abercrombie, Walter	RB	5-11	201	24	2	Baylor
1	Anderson, Gary	K	5-11	156	24	2	Syracuse
65	Beasley, Tom	DL	6-5	248	29	6	Virginia Tech
54	Bingham, Craig	LB	6-2	211	24	2	Syracuse
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	35	14	Southern
23	Bohannon, Fred	DB	6-0	201	25	2	Miss. Valley
71	Boures, Emil	OL	6-1	252	23	2	Pittsburgh
12	Bradshaw, Terry	QB	6-3	210	35	14	La. Tech
79	Brown, Larry	T	6-4	270	34	13	Kansas
56	Cole, Robin	LB	6-2	220	28	7	New Mexico
5	Colquitt, Craig	P	6-1	182	29	5	Tennessee
77	Courson, Steve	G	6-1	260	28	6	South Carolina
89	Cunningham, Bennie	TE	6-5	260	29	8	Clemson
45	Davis, Russell	RB	6-1	231	27	4	Michigan
55	Donnaike, Rich	OL	6-2	257	25	2	North Carolina
67	Dunn, Gary	NT	6-3	260	30	7	Miami
20	French, Ernest	S	5-11	195	24	2	Alabama A&M
1	Gary, Keith	DE	6-3	260	23	R	Oklahoma
95	Goodman, John	DE	6-6	250	25	3	Oklahoma
17	Goodson, John	P	6-3	204	23	2	Texas
32	Harris, Franco	RB	6-2	225	33	12	Penn St.
27	Hawthorne, Greg	WR	6-2	225	27	5	Baylor
53	Hinche, Bryan	LB	6-1	214	24	2	Oregon
62	Hkin, Tunch	T	6-3	253	26	2	Indiana St.
29	Johnson, Ron	S	5-10	200	27	6	E. Michigan
90	Kohrs, Bob	LB	6-3	245	25	3	Arizona St.
58	Lambert, Jack	LB	6-4	220	31	10	Kent St.
50	Little, David	LB	6-1	220	24	3	Florida
16	Malone, Mark	DB	6-4	223	25	4	Arizona St.
57	Merrweather, Mike	LB	6-2	215	23	2	Pacific
64	Nelson, Edmund	DL	6-3	263	23	2	Auburn
66	Petersen, Ted	T	6-5	256	28	7	E. Illinois
74	Pinney, Ray	T	6-4	265	29	7	Washington
44	Pollard, Frank	RB	5-10	210	26	4	Baylor
87	Rodgers, John	TE	6-2	220	23	2	La. Tech
36	Ruff, Guy	LB	6-1	215	23	2	Syracuse
31	Shell, Donnie	S	5-11	190	31	10	So. Cal St.
82	Stallworth, John	WR	6-2	191	31	10	Alabama A&M
18	Sloudt, Cliff	DB	6-4	218	28	7	Youngstown St.
85	Sweeney, Calvin	WR	6-2	190	28	4	Southern Cal.
83	Sydnor, Willie	WR	5-11	170	24	2	Syracuse
51	Toews, Loren	LB	6-3	220	32	11	California
42	Washington, Anthony	CB	6-1	204	25	3	Fresno St.
41	Washington, Sam	S	5-8	180	23	2	Miss. Valley
52	Webster, Mike	C	6-1	255	31	10	Wisconsin
83	Willis, Keith	DE	6-1	251	24	2	Northeastern
37	Wilson, Frank	TE	6-2	233	25	2	Rice
73	Wolfley, Craig	G	6-1	265	25	4	Syracuse
49	Woodruff, Dwayne	CB	5-11	198	26	5	Louisville
22	Woods, Rick	DB	6-0	196	24	2	Boise St.

DRAFTIES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Rivera, Gabriel	OT	6-4	280	23	Texas Tech
2	Capers, Wayne	WR	6-3	200	23	Kansas
3	Seabaugh, Todd	LB	6-2	221	22	San Diego St.
4	Metcalf, Bo Scott	DB	6-0	182	23	Baylor
5	Skansi, Paul	WR	6-0	192	22	Washington
6	Garrity, Greg	WR	5-10	167	22	Penn St.
6	Williams, Eric	DB	6-0	185	22	N.C. St.
7	Kirchner, Mark	OG	6-3	260	23	Baylor
8	Odum, Henry	RB	6-0	188	22	S.C. St.
8	Dunaway, Craig	TE	6-2	220	22	Michigan
9	Wingle, Blake	OG	6-2	260	22	UCLA
10	Straughter, Roosevelt	DB	6-0	175	22	N.E. Louisiana
11	Raugh, Mark	TE	6-2	215	23	West Virginia
12	Wiley, Roger	RB	6-0	180	22	Sam Houston

That's Mike Pruitt of the Browns.



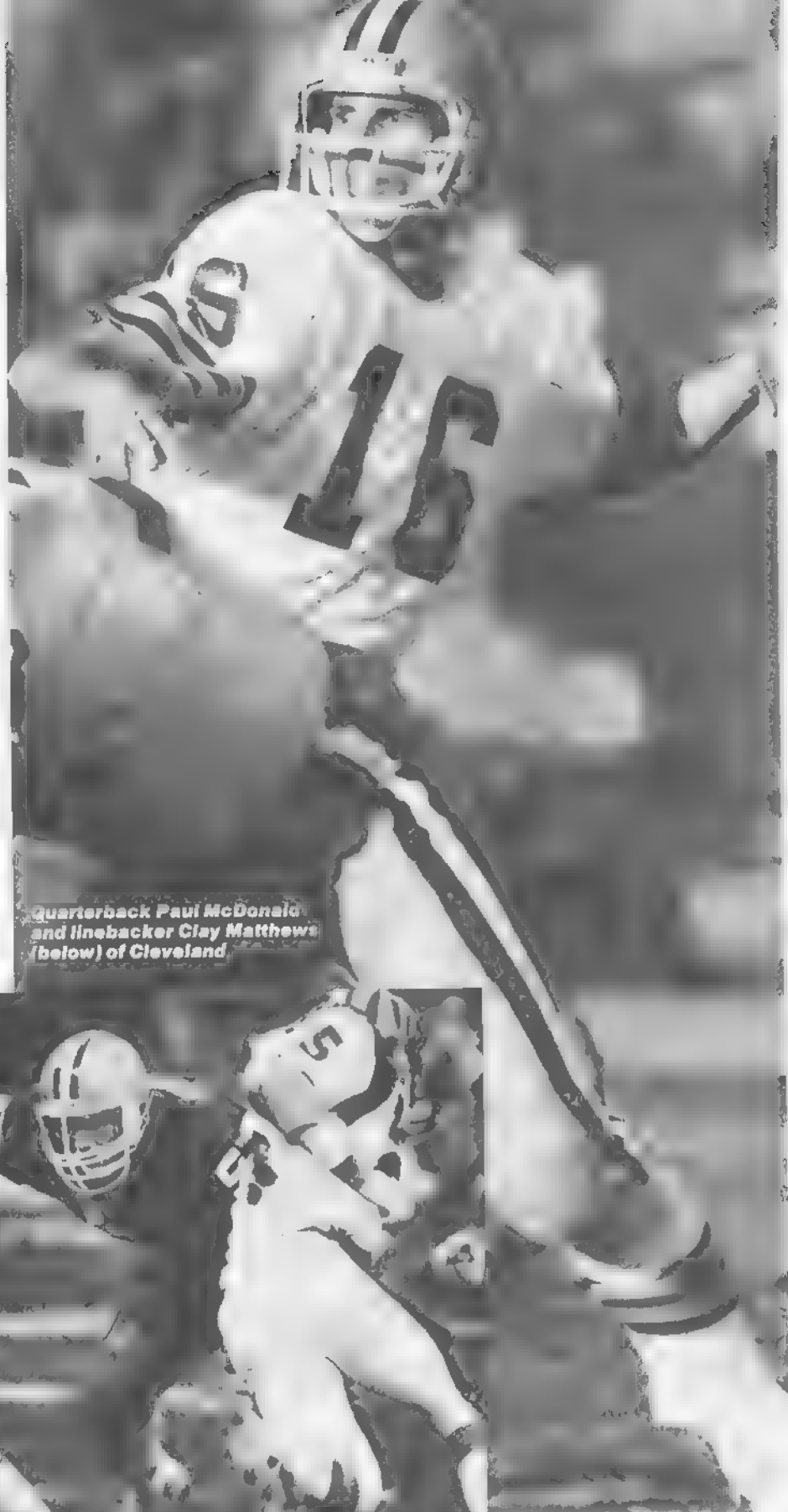
test between Craig Colquitt, who missed the '82 season after tearing his Achilles tendon in a basketball game, and barefoot John Goodson, who slumped badly late last year.

There is good news and bad news about the Browns. The good news is that they made the playoffs last season, the second time in the last three years. They also have a more formidable defense, an area which was a weakness for them just about two years ago. The bad news is that they backed into the

SCORING—M. Bahr, 38 points on 7 field goals and 17 PATs. 17th
RUSHING—Pruitt, 143 carries for 518 yards, 3.6 avg., 3 TDs. 10th
PASSING—Sipe, 101 of 185 attempts for 1,064 yards and 4 TDs. 14th
RECEIVING—Newsome, 49 receptions for 633 yards, 12.9 avg., 3 TDs. 3rd
INTERCEPTIONS—Dixon, 4 for 22 yards, 5.5 avg. 12th
PUNTING—Cox, 48 punts, 39.1 avg., longest 52 yards. 8th
PUNT RETURNS—Walker, 19 for 101 yards, 5.3 avg., 14th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Walker, 13 for 295 yards, 22.7 avg. 16th

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23	At Cincinnati	10-23
30	HOUSTON	—
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13	TAMPA BAY	—
20	At New England	10-7
27	BALTIMORE	—
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Quarterback Paul McDonald and linebacker Clay Matthews (below) of Cleveland



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playoffs, losing five of their last seven games. They also had a hit-and-miss offense, and the sam-bang win-in-the-last-minute stuff they used to pull off when Brian Sipe was at the top of his game may be gone forever.

The coach, Sam Rutigliano, is a philosopher, an optimistic philosopher. "Considering, we did okay. We made it to the playoffs after the dirt already had been delivered to Cleveland Stadium to bury us."

It's no wonder the pallbearers were lined up. The Browns finished 23rd in the NFL running the ball and 26th stopping the run. Efficiency in both areas is usually the first step toward winning. In sizing up his team for 1983, Sam prefers to emphasize defense. "It's the best we've had since I've been head coach," he says.

Offense? Sam talks of change. Well, it's more than talk. He made some key coaching moves. Larrye Weaver, one of the most respected assistant coaches in the league, took over as offensive coordinator. He comes from San Diego, and the expectation is that he'll try to incorporate some of the Chargers' passing zip. Howard Mudd takes over as offensive line coach, and Joe Daniels comes from the University of Pittsburgh to coach the receivers.

"We'll have some changes," says Rutigliano. "You'll see Larrye's influence, as well as the other new coaches. We'll probably go to a signal system and call the plays from the press box and sideline because defenses are changing with each down and distance."

The big change is probably going to be at quarterback, although Rutigliano tries to be a diplomat about it. He points out that Sipe was the most valuable player in the NFL in 1980

that Brian is "still relatively young (34)." Sam says he doesn't think the slump which cursed Sipe last season will happen again. But then he talks about Paul McDonald, who assumed command of the Browns' attack last year. "One of the coming stars of the league," the coach calls him. "I have no doubts that Paul could take us to the playoffs." Maybe, but the Browns made the playoffs last year despite their offense. Sipe had the lowest touchdown percentage among conference passers when McDonald replaced him. McDonald's rating was next to last in the AFC.

The best thing about the passing game was Ozzie Newsome, the tight end who finished tied for second in the AFC in catches with 49 for 633 yards and three touchdowns. "There is not a receiver in the league who goes after a ball better than Oz," says Rutigliano. Wide receiver Dave Logan might have been suited as Sipe's collaborator since he excelled at adjusting his routes, to say nothing of his body, to catch Brian's passes on scrambles. Ricky Feacher finished with two big games, 109 yards against Pittsburgh and 124 vs. the Raiders. But Rutigliano is looking for a speed receiver, "someone who can scare the defenses" and that's why the Browns used their top draft pick, a second rounder, to select Arizona State's Ron Brown, a world-class sprinter who was a cornerback until his senior year. He caught only a handful of passes, but the Browns think he has great potential. He may stay out of pro football until after the 1984 Olympics, however. Later on they drafted Rocky Belk of Miami, a 9.4 sprinter.

The offensive line needs fixing. At one time the Browns had three Pro Bowl linemen, cen-



Wide receiver Dave Logan (above), running back Charles White, and tight end Ozzie Newsome (below right) of the Cleveland Browns

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ter Tom DeLeone, guard Joe DeLamielleure, and tackle Doug Dieken. None of them made the all-star teams last year, and only DeLamielleure is likely to do it again. Dieken has had two injury-cursed seasons and he may need rest from now on. Matt Miller spells him, and rookie Bill Contz of Penn State may get his chance. Mike Babb played a lot of center as a rookie, and he'll challenge DeLeone. The other tackle is Cody Risien, the other guard is Robert Jackson. All are battle-tested.

The strike hurt Mike Pruitt, the quick running back, as much as any Brown. When play resumed, he was nagged by a groin pull which he never really shook off. Rutigliano expects him to make a major comeback. "He'll be our feature back, and we expect another 1000-yard season," says the coach. Before Pruitt was hurt, he had a 136-yard day against Seattle in the opener. The talent behind Pruitt is ordinary, although Charles White has his moments coming out of the I-formation.

BROWNS VETERAN ROSTER

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
80	Adams, Willis	WR	6-2	194	27	4	Houston
52	Ambrose, Dick	LB	6-0	228	30	9	Virginia
61	Babb, Mike	C	6-4	270	24	2	Texas
9	Bahr, Matt	K	5-10	165	27	5	Penn State
99	Baldwin, Keith	DE	6-4	245	23	2	Texas A&M
96	Banks, Chip	LB	6-4	233	24	2	Southern Cal
91	Bradley, Henry	NT	6-2	260	30	5	Alcorn State
47	Brazier, Larry	CB	6-0	184	29	5	Southern Cal
49	Burrell, Clinton	S	6-1	192	27	4	LSU
50	Cousineau, Tom	LB	6-3	225	26	2	Ohio St.
53	Cowher, Bill	LB	6-3	225	26	3	N.C. St.
15	Cox, Steve	K	6-4	195	25	3	Arkansas
38	Davis, Johnny	FB	6-1	235	27	6	Alabama
64	DeLamielleure, Joe	G	6-3	245	32	11	Michigan St.
54	DeLeone, Tom	C	6-2	248	33	12	Ohio St.
73	Dieken, Doug	T	6-5	252	34	13	Illinois
28	Dixon, Harford	CB	5-11	182	25	3	So. Miss.
83	Feacher, Ricky	WR	5-10	174	29	8	Miss. Valley
20	Fitt, Judson	S	6-0	201	26	4	Memphis St.
94	Franks, Elvis	DE	6-4	238	26	4	Morgan St.
70	Frederick, Andy	T	6-6	265	29	7	New Mexico
86	Fulton, Dan	WR	6-2	186	27	4	Webb Omaha
79	Golic, Bob	NT	6-2	248	26	4	Notre Dame
34	Green, David	RB	5-10	208	30	2	Edinboro St.
26	Hall, Dino	RB	5-7	165	28	5	Glassboro St.
90	Harris, Marshall	DE	6-6	261	28	4	TCU
36	Jackson, Bill	S	6-1	202	23	2	North Carolina
68	Jackson, Robert	G	6-5	260	30	9	Duke
51	Johnson, Eddie	LB	6-1	210	24	3	Louisville
48	Johnson, Lawrence	CB	5-11	204	26	4	Wisconsin
23	Kaleniris, Mark	S	5-10	185	25	2	Hawaii
85	Logan, Dave	WR	6-4	216	29	8	Colorado
57	Matthews, Clay	LB	6-2	230	27	5	Southern Cal
16	McDonald, Paul	QB	6-2	185	25	4	Southern Cal
71	Miller, Matt	T	6-6	270	27	4	Colorado
82	Newsome, Dazie	TE	6-2	232	27	6	Alabama
58	Nicolas, Scott	LB	6-3	226	23	2	Miami
43	Pruitt, Mike	RB	6-0	225	29	8	Purdue
63	Risien, Cody	T	6-7	255	29	5	Texas A&M
92	Robinson, Mike	DE	6-4	270	27	3	Arizona
22	Scott, Clarence	S	6-0	190	34	13	Kansas State
17	Sipe, Brian	QB	6-1	195	34	10	San Diego St.
12	Trociano, Rick	QB-S	6-0	188	24	3	Pittsburgh
58	Turner, Kevin	LB	6-2	223	25	4	Pacific
42	Walker, Dwight	RB	5-10	185	25	2	Nicholls St.
55	Weathers, Curtis	LB	6-5	220	27	5	Mississippi
25	White, Charles	RB	5-10	183	25	4	Southern Cal
81	Whitwell, Mike	WR	6-0	175	25	2	Texas A&M

ROOKIE LIST

no	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
2	Brown, Ron	WR	5-11	185	22	Arizona St.
3	Camp, Reggie	DE	6-4	264	22	California
5	Contz, Bill	OT	6-5	260	22	Penn St.
6	Stracka, Tim	TE	6-3	220	24	Wisconsin
6	Puzzuoli, Dave	DT	6-3	260	22	Pittsburgh
7	Belk, Rocky	WR	6-0	187	23	Miami
8	McClain, Mike	OC	6-4	280	22	Temple
10	Hopkins, Thomas	OT	6-6	260	23	Alabama
11	Greer, Boyce	RB	5-11	215	23	Carson Newman
11	McAdams, Howard	LB	6-2	234	21	Michigan St.
12	Farren, Paul	OT	6-5	251	23	Boston U.

When you talk of Cleveland defense, the first item of conversation is linebacking. The Browns are awash in it. At least they are if Clay Matthews is healthy. He broke an ankle early last year. Ex-tight end Curtis Weathers got playing time and did well. So did Scott Nicolas. In Matthews' absence the focus was on the rookies, Tom Cousineau and Chip Banks. Cousineau, one of the highest-paid players in football, had problems adjusting back to American football after three years in the Canadian League. He didn't get to the point of attack fast enough, even though that was his forte at Ohio State. If Cousineau was a slight disappointment, though, Banks was a four-star delight. He wasn't quite a clone of Lawrence Taylor but he wasn't far off, either. He was deadly against the run and led the Browns in sacks. He also went to the Pro Bowl. The fourth linebacker is Dick Ambrose, a classic overachiever.

The best news on the defensive front was the finding, at last, of a nose tackle for the three-man line. He's Bob Golic, the ex-linebacker from New England. The one-time wrestler is better suited for work in the line. He had four sacks, getting through all that traffic. Mike Robinson started quickly at end, then faded after the strike. Predictably, he came back in poor shape. Keith Baldwin could win a starting job in his second year, since Elvis Franks also slumped after the strike. Draftees include Reggie Camp, California's undisciplined pass rusher, and Dave Puzzuoli, Pitt's aggressive tough guy.


The Cleveland secondary is one of the team's strong points, particularly at cornerback with Harford Dixon and Lawrence Johnson. There is an asterisk after Johnson's name, however, since he'll be coming back from a serious knee injury. Each corner intercepted four passes in '82. Clinton Burrell had a spectacular season at strong safety, forcing two fumbles, recovering four more, and sacking the quarterback twice. Clarence Scott played well at free safety, but he's 34. The reserves are thin. Larry Brazier, rejected by Miami, is the fifth back in all special situations.

Steve Cox averaged 39.1 yards a punt and his net average was among the league's lowest. Place-kicker Matt Bahr had an inconsistent seven for 15 field-goal record, but that was supposed to be due to snapping problems, mainly the loss of DeLeone to injury.

HOUSTON OILERS

Strange goings-on with the Oilers. On one hand there are vast changes. There is a new offensive coordinator, Kay Dalton, a new defensive coordinator, Chuck Studley, a new offensive line coach, Bill Walsh, and a new defensive backfield coach, Kenny Houston. A couple of rookies are likely to be the starting offensive tackles—Bruce Matthews of Southern California on the left side and Harvey Salem of the University of California on the right. The quarterback race has been thrown open among Archie Manning, Gifford Nielsen, and young Oliver Luck.

All of this is to be expected on a team which won only one game while losing the other eight and finishing with a seven-game losing streak. What is not to be expected is that Ed Biles remains the coach on a team owned by a man with one of the itchiest trigger fingers in the NFL, Bud Adams. Maybe Adams is thinking back to 1969, when Chuck Noll was a



rookie coach and won only one game. He kept his job and the Steelers built a dynasty. Except that Noll, even in that horrible first season, wasn't as controversial as Biles.

His problems start with statistics. The Oilers were last in the NFL in offense and last in defense. Start with the rushing totals when examining the offensive deficiencies. This team used to symbolize running strength, with Earl Campbell leaving linebackers in his wake. In 1982 the Oilers finished 26th among the 28 NFL teams in yardage gained running the ball. The running game averaged 88.8 yards a game. Only Seattle, which doesn't have an Earl Campbell or anything approaching him, was worse. The Oilers had the fewest first downs in the league, 14 fewer than the hapless Baltimore Colts, a symbol of their inability to sustain drives.

Campbell, who finished fifteenth in the league in individual ground gaining, suggested that the guys in front of him did not resemble the great offensive lines of all time. For that matter, the quarterbacks weren't thinking positive thoughts about the blockers, either. The Oilers allowed their passers to be sacked 39 times. Only Kansas City, which allowed 40 sacks, was worse in the entire NFL.

Houston quarterback Archie Manning needs protection from his line.

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Week Three			
Raiders (-2) over Chargers	28-24	Win	
Week Four			
Vikings (-5½) over Bears	35-7	Win	
Week Five			
Dolphins (-6) over Vikings	22-14	Win	
Week Six			
Bills (+1) over Steelers	13-0	Win	
Week Seven			
Browns (+4) over Steelers	10-9	Win	
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Their defense had some equally shameful numbers—worst yield per game, an average of 382 yards, worst yield per play, 5.6 yards, fewest interceptions, three. It's not going to get much easier in 1983. Of the Oilers' 16 games, a dozen will be played against teams which made the playoffs in 1982.

Choosing a quarterback should be the first item on the improvement agenda. Dalton and Biles have a choice of styles: scrambler (Manning), pocket passer (Nielsen), or a little of both (Luck). Manning once was the most valuable player in the NFC, but he took some tough beatings in New Orleans and it was no day at the beach when he became an Oiler early last season. For fewer than every five passes he threw, he was sacked once. That's

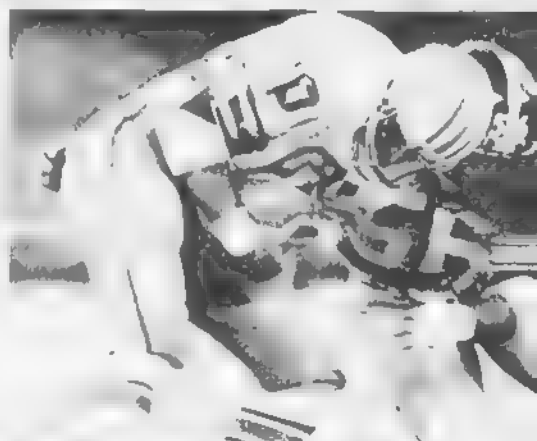
a deadly ratio. Nielsen's strongest argument is that he began the year as the starter, got hurt, then came back to supervise the offense to 27 points in a loss to Cincinnati in the final game. That represents the highest point total of the season for the Oilers. Luck didn't throw a pass in the regular season.

One of the biggest question marks may be Dalton, who was in charge of the much criticized Kansas City offense the last few years. Even though Campbell's yardage slipped to 538, there is no runner on the roster even remotely capable of better. Manning was the second-most productive runner, with 85 yards, and Arch had the longest run of the year, 24 yards.

Whoever plays quarterback, the No. 1 receiver should remain tight end Dave Casper, who played out of his skull in '82. The worse the Oilers got, the better he performed. His effort was even greater after the strike than before it. Casper caught 36 passes for a 15.9-yard average and six touchdowns. The wonder was that he didn't make the Pro Bowl. The Oilers drafted two tight ends—Chris Dresel, one of John Elway's foremost receivers at Stanford, and big Mike McCloskey, who was an underachiever on Penn State's national champions.

The Oilers aren't overstocked with wide receivers. The best is Harold Bailey, a "find" last year. He has played as a defensive back, quarterback, and return man. He caught 26 balls and averaged 14 yards a reception. Mike Renfro is still a good possession receiver, but Mike Holston, who played well as a rookie, caught only five passes. He did average 23.2 per catch. Texas' Herkie Walls was the only drafted receiver. Too small for anything but spot duty, he may be more valuable as a return man.

The problem of problems is the offensive line. The solution may be to aim Campbell



End Jesse Baker (top) leads the defensive surge, while wide receiver Ken Burrough and running back Earl Campbell (below) provide the offensive spark for Houston.

1982 TEAM LEADERS

SCORING—Casper, 36 points on 6 touchdowns. 11th
RUSH NG—Campbell, 157 carries for 538 yards, 3.4 avg., 2 TDs. 9th
PASSING—Nielsen, 87 of 161 attempts for 1,005 yards and 6 TDs. 9th
RECEIVING—Casper, 36 receptions for 573 yards, 15.9 avg., 6 TDs. 11th
INTERCEPTIONS—Bingham, Brazile, and Perry had 1 apiece.
PUNTING—James, 43 punts, 40.5 avg., longest 56 yards. 5th
PUNT RETURNS—Roaches, 19 for 104 yards, 5.5 avg. 11th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Roaches, 21 for 441 yards, 21.0 avg. 12th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 4 BALTIMORE (N)
 13 TAMPA BAY (N)
 20 At New Orleans (N)
 27 At Dallas (N)

1983 SCHEDULE

September 4 GREEN BAY
 11 At Los Angeles Raiders
 18 PITTSBURGH
 25 At Buffalo
 October 2 At Pittsburgh
 9 DENVER
 16 At Minnesota
 23 KANSAS CITY
 30 At Cleveland
 November 6 CINCINNATI
 13 DETROIT
 20 At Cincinnati
 27 At Tampa Bay
 December 4
 11 CLEVELAND
 18 At Baltimore

1982 SCORES

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over the left side almost exclusively, since the last two first-round draft choices, Matthews and guard Mike Munchak, will be together over there. The center David Carter, and right guard, Ed Fisher, are veteran journeymen. Salem will have to move out Morris Towns at right tackle, probably a tougher opponent than John Schumacher will be for Matthews. For depth there is guard Ralph Williams, who started four games while Munchak was hurt, and Mark Koncar, a one-time starting tackle for Green Bay.

Offensively things were so bad for the Oilers last year that they got to attempt only eight field goals. Florian Kempf, the new place-kicker, was successful on four of them, none beyond the 39-yard line.

Defensively, there is a critical problem in the secondary. It's bad enough on the field, but three of the four starting defensive backs got into serious trouble off the field. Only free safety Mike Reinhardt might survive the overall change. Look for second-round draftee Keith Bostic of Michigan to challenge incumbent strong safety Vernon Perry. Carter Hartwig, the nickel back, is another possibility. The Oilers used two other high draft picks for corners, Steve Brown of Oregon and Greg Hill of Oklahoma State. Bill Kay and Willie Tullis are the front runners among the veterans, with Greg Sternrick gone and J.C. Wilson on the way out. Two other safeties were drafted late. They are Steve Haworth of Oklahoma and Kevin Potter of Missouri.

The most formidable defensive area is the linebacking. Robert Brazile, a frequent all-pro, plays one outside position, with newcomer Avon Riley on the other side. Gregg Bingham is a mainstay on the inside. Daryl Hunt could

Offensive tackle Bruce Matthews (left), Houston's No. 1 draftee, and nose tackle Mike Stensrud

be challenged by second-year pro Robert Abraham, who was handicapped by an eye injury in his rookie season. Ted Thompson once was a starter, and LSU's Tim Joiner was a high draft choice.

The line is far more adept at rushing the passer than playing the run, although that could improve since two new starters should be settled in their positions. They are nose tackle Mike Stensrud, who switched from end and end Ken Kennard, who switched from nose tackle. The other end is Jesse Baker, who led the AFC in sacks. Daryle Skaggs and backs up Stensrud, and draftee Jerome Foster of Ohio State will get some work. Second-year pro Malcolm Taylor could press Kennard.

The punter is John James, picked up from Detroit during the season. Carl Roaches had a down year returning punts and kickoffs, but he has been among the league's best.

OILERS VETERAN ROSTER

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56	Abraham, Robert	LB	6-1	217	23	2	N.C. St.
31	Allen, Gary	RB	5-10	183	23	2	Hawaii
39	Armstrong, Adger	RB	6-0	225	26	4	Texas A&M
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10	Luck, Oliver	QB	6-2	198	23	2	West Virginia
6	Manning, Archie	QB	6-3	211	34	13	Mississippi
63	Munchak, Mike	G	6-3	263	23	2	Penn St.
14	Nielsen, Gifford	QB	6-4	210	29	6	Brigham Young
32	Perry, Vernon	S	6-2	210	30	5	Jackson St.
21	Randle, Tate	CB	6-0	202	24	2	Texas Tech.
37	Reinhardt, Mike	S	6-2	196	30	9	Wisconsin (Mil.)
82	Rentfro, Mike	WR	6-0	184	28	6	TCU
53	Riley, Avon	LB	6-3	219	24	3	UCLA
85	Roaches, Carl	WR	5-8	170	30	4	Texas A&M
62	Schumacher, John	T	6-3	269	28	5	Southern Cal.
90	Skaggs, Daryle	DE	6-5	268	26	3	California
83	Smith, Tim	WR	6-2	202	26	4	Nebraska
27	Sternrick, Greg	CB	5-11	185	32	9	Colorado St.
67	Stensrud, Mike	MG	6-5	290	27	5	Iowa St.
70	Taylor, Malcolm	DE	6-6	288	23	2	Tennessee St.
28	Thomaselli, Rich	RB	6-1	196	26	3	Wesleyan
51	Thompson, Ted	LB	6-1	229	30	9	SMU
76	Towns, Morris	T	6-4	261	29	7	Missouri
20	Tullis, Willie	DB	6-0	190	25	3	Troy St.
68	Williams, Ralph	T	6-3	276	25	2	Southern
33	Wilson, J.C.	CB	6-0	178	27	6	Pittsburgh
69	Wilson, Tim	TE	6-3	235	28	7	Maryland

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Matthews, Bruce	OT	6-3	275	22	Southern Cal.
2	Salem, Harvey	OT	6-5	263	22	California
2	Bostic, Keith	DB	6-1	208	22	Michigan
3	Joiner, Tim	LB	6-2	214	22	LSU
3	Dressel, Chris	TE	6-4	235	22	Stanford
3	Brown, Steve	DB	6-0	182	23	Oregon
4	Hill, Greg	QB	6-1	193	22	Oklahoma St.
4	McCloskey, Mike	TE	6-5	245	23	Penn St.
5	Morarity, Lary	RB	6-3	215	22	Notre Dame
5	Foster, Jerome	DT	6-3	258	22	Ohio St.
6	Haworth, Steve	DB	6-0	195	23	Oklahoma
7	Wells, Herkie	WR	5-7	155	23	Texas
8	Thompson, Robert	LB	6-3	219	22	Michigan
9	Potter, Kevin	DB	6-0	183	22	Missouri

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HALL

FAME

The Pro Football Hall of Fame admitted five new members this year: Paul Warfield, Bobby Mitchell, Sonny Jurgensen, Bobby Bell, and Sid Gillman.

Warfield, a wide receiver, was elected in his first time on the ballot, five years after he ended a 13-season NFL career with Cleveland and Miami. A first-round draft choice out of Ohio State in 1964, Warfield caught 52 passes for 920 yards and nine touchdowns in his rookie year with the Browns. Twice an all-pro selection with Cleveland, Warfield, nevertheless, was traded to the Dolphins for a No. 1 draft choice in 1969. He helped Miami to five straight playoff appearances and to consecutive Super Bowl victories in 1973-74. In all, Warfield had 427 receptions for 8,565 yards—an NFL-record 20.2 yards per catch—and 85 TDs.

Mitchell, an eighth-round selection from Illinois in the 1958 draft, began his pro career as a running back, teaming with Jim Brown to give Cleveland an outstanding backfield combination. Traded to Washington in 1962, Mitchell saw duty as a receiver and a kickoff-returner as well. In 11 seasons in the NFL, Mitchell netted 14,078 yards, third in league history behind Brown and O.J. Simpson. His 521 receptions ac-

counted for 7,954 of those yards and 65 touchdowns, and he averaged 26.4 yards on 102 kickoff returns. He scored 546 points on 91 TDs.

Jurgensen enjoyed seven seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles and 11 with the Washington Redskins following his selection from Duke in the 1957 draft. In 218 games Jurgensen completed 2,433 passes for 32,224 yards and 255 scores. Among his records are five 400-yard passing games and five 3,000-yard passing seasons. In addition, he threw at least one touchdown pass in 23 straight contests and tossed for over 300 yards 25 times. His 82.8 career rating is the third-best—behind Otto Graham (86.8) and Roger Staubach (83.5)—in NFL history.

Bell, an overpowering defender for the Chiefs for 12 years, is the first Kansas City player elected to the Hall of Fame. (Team owner and AFL founder Lamar Hunt was honored in 1972.) The Outland Trophy winner as a tackle at Minnesota in 1963, Bell was drafted by the Vikings but chose to sign with K.C., where he was converted to linebacker by Chiefs' coach Hank Stram in 1965. He earned all-pro honors at the position for eight straight years, during which time he played in two Super Bowls, six AFL all-star games, and three Pro Bowls. A member of the American Football League's all-time team, Bell scored eight touchdowns, six of them coming on returns of his 26 interceptions (and one each on an onside kick return and a fumble recovery).

Gillman compiled a 122-99-7 record in 18 years as a head coach in both the AFL and the NFL. His first team, the Los Angeles Rams, captured an NFL Western Conference title in 1955. After the AFL was founded, in 1960, Gillman led the San Diego Chargers to five divisional crowns and one AFL championship in the league's first six years. He joined the Dallas Cowboys as an assistant in 1972, then became the Houston Oilers' general manager and head coach the following season. A year later, he was named the AFC Coach of the Year after the Oilers improved from a 1-13 record in 1973 to 7-7 in '74. Gillman later worked as an assistant with the Chicago Bears and the Philadelphia Eagles, serving the latter until he retired at age 71 last year.

Former All-Pro wide receiver Paul Warfield was elected to the Hall of Fame in his first year on the ballot. A couple of Hall of Fame quarterbacks, Sonny Jurgensen and Otto Graham, discuss strategy





HALL OF FAME



WALTER PAYTON

Last season, Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears became the fourth running back in pro football history to gain 10,000 yards. He reached that milestone despite a players' strike that erased seven games from the 1982 schedule, finishing third in the National Conference in rushing with 596 yards. That raised his eight-year total to 10,204 yards as he advanced one place—past Joe Perry—in the all-time rankings, behind Jim Brown (12,312), O. J. Simpson (11,236), and Franco Harris (10,943). Payton, 29, has averaged 1,276 yards per season throughout his career; if he can sustain that pace he will pass Simpson this year and overtake Brown, Cleveland's Hall of Fame fullback, during the following season.

Harris, who recorded his 10,000th yard in 1981, gained 604 yards a year ago. Had it not been for the abbreviated slate the veteran Steeler surely would have succeeded Simpson in the No. 2 spot. Harris is 293 yards away from it.

John Riggins enjoyed the most rewarding work in his professional career, leading Washington to the best won-lost mark in the NFL in 1982 and capping the year with an MVP performance for the victorious Redskins in the Super Bowl. He netted 554 yards on the season and moved from eighth to seventh place, past Larry Csonka, in the rankings. With 8,089 yards in his 11-year tenure, Riggins needs 509 yards to advance another notch, past Jim Taylor (8,597).

Two years ago, Tony Dorsett of the Dallas Cowboys and Earl Campbell of the Houston Oilers entered the top 20 rushing ranks. Last season, Dorsett, on the strength of his NFC-leading 745 yards, moved into the top ten. He now has 7,015 yards in six years. Leroy Kelly, the No. 9 rusher with 7,274 yards, is his next target. Campbell jumped two places, to eleventh, after gaining 538 yards. He has rushed for 6,995 yards in his first five years as a pro, and maintains the highest single-season rushing average—1,399 yards.

ALL-TIME RUSHING

rank	player	yrs.	att.	yds	avg	td
1	Jim Brown	9	2359	12,312	5.2	106
2	O. J. Simpson	11	2404	11,236	4.7	61
3	FRANCO HARRIS	11	2602	10,943	4.2	86
4	WALTER PAYTON	8	2352	10,204	4.3	72
5	Joe Perry	16	1929	9723	5.0	71
6	Jim Taylor	10	1941	8597	4.4	83
7	JOHN RIGGINS	11	2038	8089	4.9	58
8	Larry Csonka	11	1891	8081	4.3	64
9	Leroy Kelly	10	1727	7274	4.2	74
10	TONY DORSETT	6	1545	7015	4.5	45
11	EARL CAMPBELL	5	1561	6995	4.5	57
12	John Henry Johnson	13	1571	6803	4.3	48
13	Lawrence McCutcheon	10	1521	6578	4.3	26
14	Lydel Mitchell	9	1675	6534	3.9	30
15	Floyd Little	9	1641	6323	3.8	43
16	MARK VAN EEGHEN	9	1557	6292	4.0	35
17	Don Perkins	8	1500	6217	4.1	42
18	Ken Willard	10	1622	6105	3.8	45
19	Calvin Hill	12	1452	6083	4.2	42
20	Chuck Foreman	8	1556	5950	3.8	53

Active players in 1982 in *CAPS*. Pro football Hall of Fame members in *italics*.

Mark van Eeghen toiled for eight years in Oakland before joining the New England Patriots, for whom he picked up 386 yards last season. That enabled him to climb from twentieth to sixteenth place in the rankings. With 6,292 yards, van Eeghen could move ahead of Floyd Little (6,323), Lydel Mitchell (6,534), and Lawrence McCutcheon (6,578) if he can duplicate his '82 effort.

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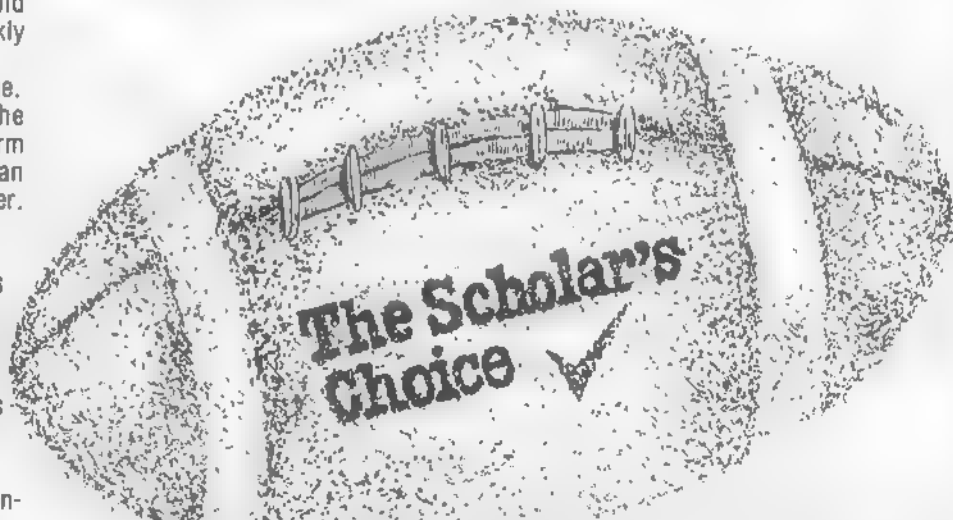
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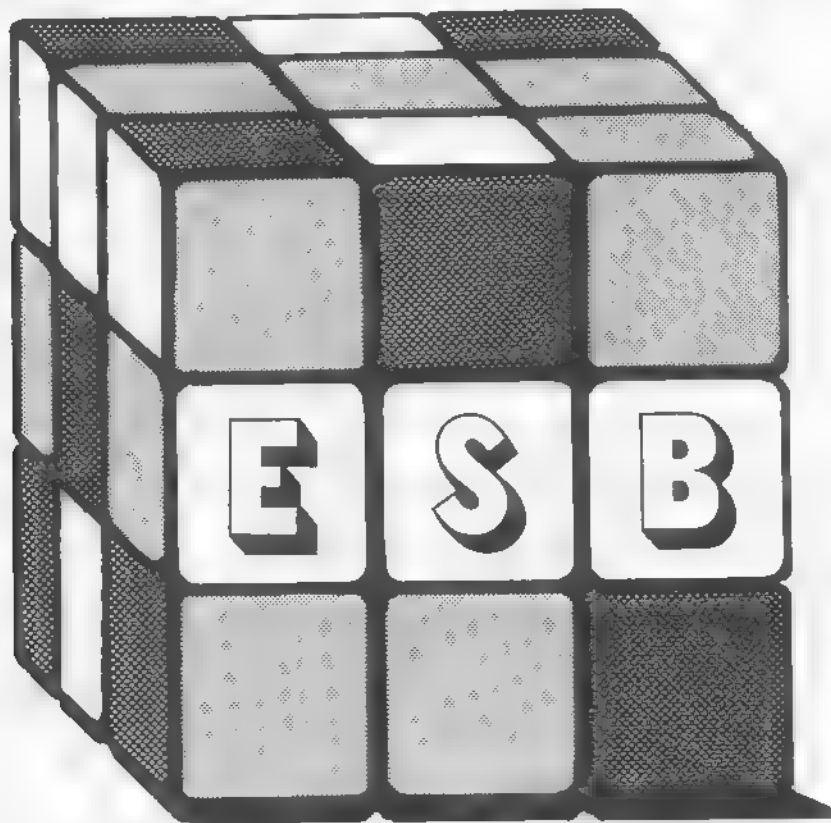
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2	Don Maynard	15	633	11,834	18.7	88
3	Raymond Berry	13	631	9275	14.7	68
4	Fred Biletnikoff	14	589	8974	15.2	76
5	HAROLD JACKSON	14	571	10,246	17.9	75
6	Lionel Taylor	10	567	7195	12.7	45
7	HAROLD CARMICHAEL	12	551	8463	15.4	76
8	Lance Alworth	11	542	10,266	18.9	85
9	CHARLIE JOINER	14	531	9021	17.0	47
10	Bobby Mitchell	11	521	7954	15.3	65
11	Billy Howton	12	503	8459	16.8	61
12	Tommy McDonald	12	495	8410	17.0	84
12	AHMAD RASHAD	10	495	6831	13.8	44
14	Don Hutson	11	488	7991	16.4	99
15	Jackie Smith	16	480	7918	16.5	40
16	Art Powell	10	479	8046	16.8	81
17	Boyd Dowler	12	474	7270	15.4	40
18	Pete Retzlaff	11	452	7412	16.4	47
19	Roy Jefferson	12	451	7539	16.7	52
20	Haven Moses	13	448	8091	18.1	56

MINIMUM 500 CATCHES

rank	player	yrs	td	pat	fg	total
1	George Blanda	26	9	943	335	2002
2	Lou Groza	21	1	810	264	1608
3	Jim Turner	16	1	521	304	1439
4	JAN STENERUD	16	0	457	317	1408
5	Jim Bakken	17	0	534	282	1380
6	Fred Cox	15	0	519	282	1365
7	Gino Cappeletti	11	42	350	176	1130
8	Don Cockroft	13	0	432	216	1080
9	Garo Yepremian	14	0	444	210	1074
10	Bruce Gossett	11	0	374	219	1031
11	Sam Baker	15	2	428	179	977
12	Lou Michaels	13	1	386	187	955
13	MARK MOSELEY	12	0	316	209	943
14	Roy Gerela	11	0	351	184	903
15	Bobby Waston	12	46	365	80	881
16	Pete Gogolak	10	0	344	173	863
17	Errol Mann	11	0	315	177	846
18	Don Hutson	11	105	172	7	823
19	Paul Hornung	9	62	190	66	760
20	TONY FRITSCH	11	0	287	157	758

LEADING PASSERS

MINIMUM 1500 ATTEMPTS

rank	player	yrs.	att	comp.	yds.	td	int	rating
1	Otto Graham	10	2626	1464	23,584	174	135	86.8
2	Roger Staubach	11	2958	1685	22,700	153	109	83.5
3	Sonny Jurgensen	18	4262	2433	32,224	255	189	82.8
4	Len Dawson	19	3741	2136	28,711	239	183	82.6
5	KEN ANDERSON	12	3848	2254	28,057	172	133	81.7
6	Fran Tarkenton	18	6467	3686	47,003	342	266	80.5
7	Bart Starr	16	3149	1808	24,718	152	138	80.3
8	DAN FOUTS	10	3533	2053	27,145	162	153	79.9
9	Johnny Unitas	18	5186	2830	40,239	290	253	78.2
9	BERT JONES	10	2551	1430	18,190	124	101	78.2
11	Frank Ryan	13	2133	1090	16,042	149	111	77.7
12	KEN STABLER	13	3412	2061	25,611	183	199	77.6
13	Bob Griese	14	3429	1926	25,092	192	172	77.3
14	Norm Van Brocklin	12	2895	1553	23,611	173	178	75.3
15	Sid Luckman	12	1744	904	14,686	137	132	75.0
16	Don Meredith	9	2308	1170	17,199	134	111	74.7
17	Roman Gabriel	16	4498	2366	29,444	201	149	74.5
18	Y A Tittle	17	4395	2427	33,070	242	248	74.4
19	JOE THEISMANN	9	2365	1318	16,327	99	98	74.2
19	Earl Morrall	21	2689	1379	20,809	161	148	74.2

Active players in 1982 in CAPS. Pro football Hall of Fame members in italics

The San Diego Chargers' Chuck Muncie (5,765), the Philadelphia Eagles' Wilbert Montgomery (5,610), the Raiders' Greg Pruitt (5,518), and the Patriots' Sam Cunningham (5,453) are the active players with the best chances of breaking into the top 20 rankings this year

Harold Carmichael caught 35 passes last year and advanced two places, from ninth to seventh, on the receiving chart. The 6-8, 225-pound Eagles' all-star, with 551 receptions for 8,463 yards and 76 touchdowns, jumped ahead of Hall of Famers Bobby Mitchell (521) and Lance Alworth (542) thanks to his 1982 output. Carmichael, who set an NFL record with at least one reception in 127 consecutive games, has averaged 46 catches per season in his 12 years in Philadelphia. If he can maintain that average he will overtake Lionel Taylor (567), Harold Jackson (571)—who was activated by Minnesota for the last game of the '82 season—and Fred Biletnikoff (589) in the coming year and be within 52 receptions of Charley Taylor (649), pro football's all-time leading pass-catcher.

Charlie Joiner grabbed 37 passes in 1982 and thereby cracked the top ten rankings, passing Tommy McDonald (495), Billy Howton (503), and Mitchell along the way. Joiner has 531 receptions after 14 seasons in the NFL.

Ahmad Rashad announced his retirement then retired to the announcers' booth at the conclusion of the season. Injuries brought his tenth NFL campaign to a premature end, but his 23 catches enabled him to pass Boyd Dowler (474) Art Powell (479), Jackie Smith (480), and Don Hutson (488) in the standings. Rashad finished with 495 receptions—good for a twelfth-place tie with McDonald—in a career spent with St. Louis, Buffalo, and Minnesota.

Dallas' Drew Pearson, with 442 receptions, and Los Angeles' Cliff Branch, with 435, are the most likely candidates

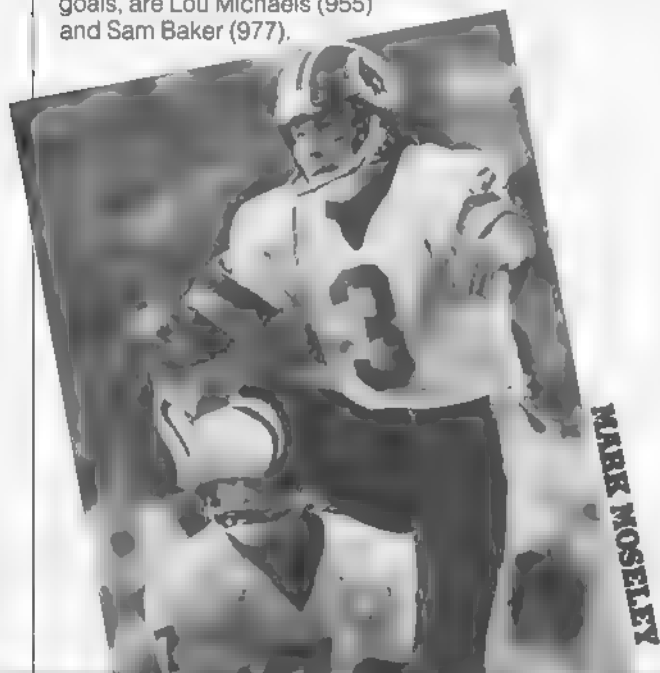
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to replace Haven Moses (448) and Roy Jefferson (451) on the top 20 receiving chart in 1983

A pair of veteran kickers, Jan Stenerud of Green Bay and Mark Moseley of Washington, added to their scoring totals in 1982. Stenerud, in his sixteenth season, scored 64 points and moved ahead of Fred Cox (1,365) and Jim Bakken (1,380) and into fourth place in the all-time rankings. With 1,408 points, Stenerud is within 32 points of Jim Turner in third place, but out of range of George Blanda (2,002) and Lou Groza (1,608).

Moseley, named the NFL's Most Valuable Player by the Associated Press, was successful on 20 of his 21 field goal attempts and had 76 points in 1982 to increase his 12-year total to 943 points. He passed Bobby Walton (881) and Roy Gerela (903) and now ranks No. 13 on the chart. Just ahead of Moseley, who also set a record with 23 consecutive field goals, are Lou Michaels (955) and Sam Baker (977).



Tony Fritsch played in just six games for the Saints before retiring late in the season, but the 20 points he scored were enough to edge him past Jim Brown and into twentieth place in the all-time rankings with 758 points. Brown's ejection left the top 20 scoring ranks without one non-kicker.

Ken Anderson of Cincinnati and Dan Fouts of San Diego were the top two passers in the National Football League last season. Anderson led the American Conference in completions and completion percentage and had a lower interception percentage than any other quarterback in 1982, while Fouts led the AFC in pass attempts, yards, and touchdown passes. As a result, each player advanced one spot in the top 20 rankings, Anderson (81.7 rating) to fifth place and Fouts (79.9) to eighth. Hall of Famer Otto Graham is the top-rated quarterback with an 86.8 mark.

Joe Theismann of the champion Redskins led the NFC in passing and moved into a nineteenth-place tie with Earl Morrall (74.2) on the chart. Bert Jones began his first season with the Los Angeles Rams as the game's No. 8 passer, but injuries reduced his effectiveness as he dropped one place (78.2) in the rankings. Ken Stabler improved his rating slightly, from 77.5 to 77.6, in his first year with New Orleans, but he remained in twelfth place.

PASSES ATTEMPTED

1	Fran Tarkenton	6467	1	Fran Tarkenton	3686
2	Johnny Unitas	5186	2	Johnny Unitas	2830
3	JIM HART	4978	3	JIM HART	2540
4	John Hadl	4687	4	John Brodie	2469
5	Roman Gabriel	4498	5	Sonny Jurgensen	2433
6	John Brodie	4491	6	Y. A. Tittle	2427
7	Y. A. Tittle	4395	7	Roman Gabriel	2366
8	Norm Snead	4353	8	John Hadl	2363
9	Sonny Jurgensen	4262	9	Norm Snead	2276
10	George Blanda	4007	10	KEN ANDERSON	2227
11	TERRY BRADSHAW	3893	11	Len Dawson	2136
12	KEN ANDERSON	3817	12T	DAN FOUTS	2053
13	CRAIG MORTON	3786	12T	CRAIG MORTON	2053
14	Joe Namath	3762	14	KEN STABLER	2037
15	Len Dawson	3741	15	TERRY BRADSHAW	2020
16	Bobby Layne	3700	16	Bob Griese	1926
17	DAN FOUTS	3533	17	ARCHIE MANNING	1915
18	Archie Manning	3460	18	George Blanda	1911
19	Bob Griese	3429	19	Joe Namath	1886
20	KEN STABLER	3377	20	Bobby Layne	1814

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

1	Fran Tarkenton	342	1	Fran Tarkenton	47,003
2	Johnny Unitas	290	2	Johnny Unitas	40,239
3	Sonny Jurgensen	255	3	JIM HART	34,047
4	John Hadl	244	4	John Hadl	33,513
5	Y. A. Tittle	242	5	Y. A. Tittle	33,070
6	Len Dawson	239	6	Sonny Jurgensen	32,224
7	George Blanda	236	7	John Brodie	31,548
8	John Brodie	214	8	Norm Snead	30,797
9	TERRY BRADSHAW	210	9	Roman Gabriel	29,444
10	JIM HART	205	10	Len Dawson	28,711
11	Roman Gabriel	201	11	TERRY BRADSHAW	27,912
12T	Norm Snead	196	12	CRAIG MORTON	27,908
12T	Bobby Layne	196	13	KEN ANDERSON	27,734
14	Bob Griese	192	14	Joe Namath	27,663
15	Sammy Baugh	186	15	DAN FOUTS	27,145
16	CRAIG MORTON	183	16	George Blanda	26,920
17	KEN STABLER	182	17	Bobby Layne	26,768
18	Babe Par	176	18	KEN STABLER	25,340
19	Otto Graham	174	19	Bob Griese	25,092
20T	Norm Van Brocklin	173	20	Bart Starr	24,718
20T	Charley Conerly	173			
20T	Joe Namath	173			

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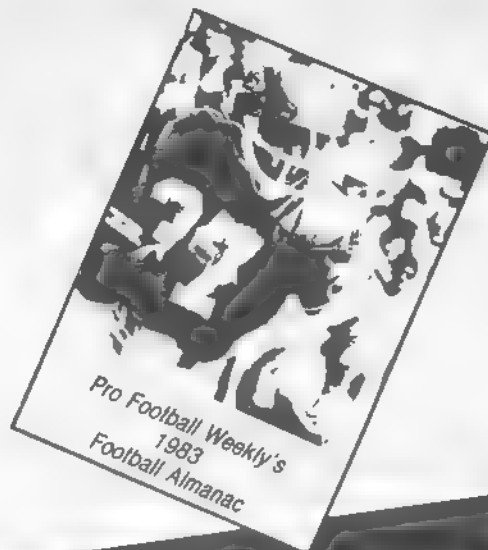
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CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Its detractors predicted untold woes for the Canadian Football League when the United States Football League set up shop this winter. Some were even willing to sign the death notice. But as the USFL wound up its inaugural campaign, the CFL launched its 26th season showing no signs of erosion created by the emergence of North America's third professional football league. In fact, some prognosticators were suggesting that unless the USFL makes drastic alterations to its game plan prior to next season, the CFL will find itself once again with only one partner—the National Football League—in the pro market.

"If the USFL doesn't do something dramatic before next season they'll go belly up," predicted Calgary Stampeders general manager and head coach Jack Gotta. "They'll have to bounce their salary scales up considerably."

Gotta knows of what he speaks because of his experience with the Birmingham Americans of the World Football League, which went the way of the dodo, and the Studebaker almost a decade ago.

"I'm really surprised that with the dollars they've budgeted they haven't gone after more quality players," Gotta said. "They're doing the same thing that the Montreal Alouettes tried to do—that is, buying a couple of big-name players like Vince Ferragamo and then surrounding them with people who aren't very good."

"They have not been the threat to us that I thought they might be. Their rosters are filled with guys who couldn't make it in our league. They have made our league look better."

Winnipeg Blue Bomber general manager Paul Robson thinks the CFL will feel whatever effect there is from the USFL indirectly through the NFL.

"If the USFL starts going after college kids taken in the early rounds of the NFL draft, the effect will come, not so much from the USFL but from the NFL, which will come on strong to sign their late-round drafts to fill the void," said Robson.

Toronto Argonaut president and general manager Ralph Sazio said the competition with the USFL as well as with the NFL will make CFL clubs more selective in their recruiting and, therefore, more efficient.

"Every year we'd say we want to take only 70 to 75 people to training camp, but end up bringing in 90-95 because there were so many players available," he said. "Now things are a little different. Coaches won't have the luxury of having three offensive and three defensive squads at training camp. We'll be stressing quality instead of quantity."

The CFL lost only one player to the USFL. Wide receiver Joey Walters, who had a record 101 catches last season for the Saskatchewan Roughriders while playing out his option, joined the Washington Redskins. What the USFL fact books fail to mention is that all the other players listed as having CFL experience are those who were cut by the nine Canadian clubs.

Actually, the CFL lost more players to the NFL. Wide receiver Eugene Goodlow and running back William Miller, both of the Blue Bombers, played out their options and opted for the New Orleans Saints and the Cleveland Browns, respectively. The British Columbia Lions' running back Larry Key played out his option and signed with the Green Bay Packers, but only after the Lions withdrew their offer for a new contract and suggested he find employment elsewhere.

What the CFL did lose to the USFL were two head coaches and a host of assistants. Hugh Campbell caught the Los Angeles Express after guiding the Edmonton Eskimos to an unprecedented fifth Grey Cup victory and the Washington Redskins lured away Winnipeg's Ray Jauch. While money was the bait that enticed both men to try the USFL waters, there's the question, especially in Campbell's case, of whether they might have been ready for new challenges anyway.

If the USFL does follow the course suggested by Gotta and increases its salary offers next season, then the CFL could feel the pinch. But by doing that the USFL would be getting itself into a financial war with the NFL. And that's a battle they won't be able to win because of the NFL's megabucks television revenues. It could be Catch-22 for the USFL.

The CFL also has an unique factor going in its favor. Because of the three downs and larger field it has always catered to smaller players, who got by on quickness and agility rather than size and strength. The USFL, like the NFL, plays "American" football and will increasingly go for the whoppers. The "little" men will still look to Canadian football for employment.

The CFL, however, cannot be smug about its position. If the USFL is not an immediate threat, there are enough internal problems to

keep the club managements on their toes. In 1982, eight of the nine clubs lost money. And the alarming part of that situation is that three teams (Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Saskatchewan) set attendance marks. In Toronto, for example, the Argonauts had a winning record for the first time in 11 seasons and yet the crowds were down by 9,000 per game compared to their best-ever year of 1977. Part of the problem was the state of the economy. It was particularly telling in Hamilton, a steel city with an acute unemployment situation. The Ticats were competitive, but the fans just didn't have the bucks to buy tickets.

In Montreal, where attendance averaged 15,391 in the 58,000-seat Olympic Stadium, the Concordes were simply unable to undo the damage caused by the self-destruction of their predecessors, the Alouettes, who were owned by Nelson Skalbania. Only time and a winning team will bring the fans back.

Further financial pressure is being felt by the CFL teams because of the value of the Canadian dollar against U.S. currency. With the Canadian dollar worth 24 percent less, import players are seeking that much more to sign a contract. But it doesn't end with the Americans. A Canadian player earning \$40,000 might have conceded that a talented American teammate making \$60,000 was worth \$20,000 more. But now the American seeking to make up the amount he'll lose on the exchange rate when he crosses back over the border, demands and gets a 24 percent increase, taking his salary to almost \$75,000. The Canadian now finds himself making nearly \$35,000 less, and he too is likely to demand a 24 percent increase.

One problem the CFL general managers, coaches, and scouts won't have to worry about is finding an additional 38 players. The Atlantic Schooners' bid to join the league for the 1984 season was rejected when the franchise holders failed to meet the requirements for acceptance. A team in the Halifax-Dartmouth area of Nova Scotia would have given the CFL its long-sought tenth team to balance the east and west divisions.

eastern division

TORONTO ARGONAUTS

(9-6-1) During Grey Cup week last November, Argo head coach Bob O'Brien and his opponent for that weekend's championship game, the Edmonton Eskimos' Hugh Campbell, shared the podium at a dinner. Caled upon for a few words, Campbell, who had then won four straight Grey Cups, offered O'Brien a first-year head coach, some sage advice: "Don't do it all in your first year. Save something for next season."

We'll it's now next season for O'Brien and the Argos, who lost the Grey Cup game 32-16. And they'll likely find that it was a lot

Dave Fennell (#65 left), Ed Kepley (#42), James Parker, and Dale Potter helped the Edmonton Eskimos win their fifth straight Grey Cup last season.





easier getting to the top of the Eastern Division than it is staying there. There's no doubt the division will be stronger this year, if for no other reason than it can't get any weaker.

The Argos have moved deliberately during the offseason to further improve a product that went from the worst to the best in the east last season. The attack will once again feature the "run-and-shoot" offense, even though popular assistant coach Darrel (Mouse) Davis had to resign midway through training camp to attend to an urgent family matter. He has been replaced by former Kent State and Boston College head coach Ed Chlebek.

O'Billovich wants to provide Schenley Award-winning quarterback Condredge Holloway with more speed in his receiving corps. As a result he shipped import slotback Dave Newman (Missouri) to Saskatchewan. Emanuel Tolbert (Southern Methodist), who was picked up on waivers from Saskatchewan late last year, will get first crack at Newman's spot. Mike Rodrigue (Miami), Canadian Geoff Townsend (Boston College), and holdover Scott McGhee (Eastern Illinois) are among the other candidates.

The splendid wide receiver Terry Greer (Alabama State), who caught 85 passes for 1,466 yards last season, will again be Holloway's favorite target. O'Billovich is hoping that Tyron Gray, obtained from the B.C. Lions, will provide him with another speedy receiver to take some of the pressure off Greer. Running back Cedric Minter (Boise State), an all-purpose performer, will get even

more work than the 120 carries for 563 yards and 61 catches for 828 yards that he handled last year. The Argos will seek to improve their running this term, but pass is still the name of their game.

With the trading of center Doug Smith to Montreal and the signing of territorial protection Kelvin Pruenster (Cal Poly, Pomona), a 6-6, 282-pound tackle, the offensive line could see some alterations. Tony Antunovic is the likely replacement for Smith, while Pruenster will battle veteran John Malinosky (Michigan) at right tackle.

Most of the overhauling will come on defense, where the pass rush was almost nonexistent in 1982. Strong pressure is a must to allow for the best possible coverage in the secondary. Rick Mohr (Cal-Davis) was a valuable acquisition from the B.C. Lions at the beginning of last season. The pass rush sagged noticeably when he went out with a knee injury. He'll be back at left end. The other three spots on the line will come from among imports Franklin King (Kansas), Bubba Wilson (Kentucky), and Tyrone Keys (Mississippi State), acquired in a trade with B.C., and one from among Canadians Leon Lyszkewicz, Lylly Woznesensky, and Stephen Del Col.

The Argos shipped their best linebacker, John Ponter (Vanderbilt), to Winnipeg following a contract dispute. That made Bill Mitchell (Long Beach State), picked up late last season when the Riders inadvertently put him on irrevocable waivers for the second time during the year, a valuable acquisition. He's a proven player whom the Riders were trying to clear through waivers only because of an injury. He'll join Darrell Nicholson (North Carolina) and Ed Jackson (Louisiana Tech) and Canadians Don Moen, Gord Elser, and Campbell Hackney.

The Argos' secondary performed surpris-

Offensive stars Terry Greer (#10), Condredge Holloway (#7), and Cedric Minter of the Argonauts

ingly well last year considering its relative inexperience. The only veteran to start the season was rover Zac Henderson, although homebrew Merv Walker joined the club in a midseason trade with Calgary. Henderson injured his knee in the eastern final and missed the Grey Cup game. Although he reports it's back to full strength, the Argos brass won't be convinced until Henderson's tested it thoroughly in action.

Cornerback Leroy Paul (Texas Southern) signed with Toronto as a free agent from Hamilton, allowing the Argos to trade Jo Jo Heath (Pitt) to British Columbia. Toronto also obtained veteran Canadian Ed McEachern from Saskatchewan as a precaution against Henderson's knee failing under combat conditions. Don Rose (Hampton), Darryl Wilson (Connecticut), Aaron Hill (Lamar), and Leo Gray (Nevada Las Vegas) are the returning imports. Marcellus Greene (Arizona) returns for a second tour of duty following a trade with Saskatchewan.

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

(8-7-1) March is traditionally the month for wind. Right on cue this year blustery Ticat owner Harold Ballard began huffing and puffing about 1. moving his team to Toronto and when that failed, 2. folding the franchise.

Ballard, who is just as gregarious when it comes to his National Hockey League Toronto Maple Leafs, began letting off steam as a show of strength against the Hamilton city council, which had refused to grant him the concession rights at Ivor Wynne Stadium. The ploy worked, because when all the smoke had cleared, Ballard got his way and the Ticat equipment staff had to unpack all the boxes of gear that Ballard had ordered packed and moved to Toronto.

Lost in all the Ballard-orchestrated confusion was the fact that the Tiger-Cats, of all the teams in the Eastern Division, appear to have made the least progress in the offseason. In fact, they appeared to slip backwards as they lost standout Canadian defensive tackle Jim





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Hamilton features the playoff QB Tom Clements (top), WR Rocky DiPietro, and LB Ben Zambiasi (#31).

Muller to retirement and import cornerback Leroy Paul (Texas Southern) and homebred linebacker Carm Carter to free agency. Unless several of the players on general manager Joe Zuger's list of winter recruitments turn out to be sleepers, the vociferous Ticat fans will be suggesting to Ballard come October that, perhaps, he should have put the franchise in moth balls.

The best thing head coach Bud Riley has going for him is the quartet of quarterback

Tom Clements (Notre Dame) and receivers Rocky DiPietro, a Canadian, Keith Baker (Texas Southern), and Steve Stapler (San Diego State). DiPietro caught 85 passes for 1,160 yards last season and was named the CFL's outstanding native-born performer. Baker caught 80 passes for 1,282 yards, while Stapler, who was plagued by injuries, dropped to 44 catches for 588 yards after a 903-yard season in 1981.

Unfortunately for Riley, that wasn't enough. He had no running game to speak of, and it wasn't due to a lack of talent in the backfield, where Mark Bragagnolo and Rufus Crawford (Virginia State), who came back to the Tiger-Cats after an unsuccessful tryout in the NFL, performed solidly. The Ticats' sporadic performance on offense was due mainly to an anemic offensive line, a fact that Riley did not attempt to disguise in his comments.

The Ticats' recruiting in that area was unimpressive. After making Queen's University tight end Jim Pendergast their territorial protection, the Ticats had to wait until the second round of the regular draft (they had traded their first-round pick to Edmonton) to select offensive tackle Paul Palma, a 6-3, 275-pounder from McGill. They didn't get another offensive lineman until the fifth round, when they grabbed UBC's George Piva.

Returning from last year and expected to man the front line are center Henry Waszczuk, guards Ross Francis, Doug Redl, and Jeff Arp, and tackles Marv Allemang and Ed Fulton (Maryland). The only import in the group. Newcomers attempting to unseat Fulton are Jeff McCafferty of Lincoln (Missouri) College and Boston University's Tom Pierzga. Allemang, Arp, and Fulton have each added considerable bulk over the winter, which will prevent them from being pushed around by opposing defensive linemen.

Defensively, the toughest task facing Riley will be filling the hole created by Muller's retirement (to go into the oil business in Calgary), because the Queen's University product was a Canadian who could hold his own against imports. Second-year man David Sauve (Harvard) steps into that vacancy.

Paul, although an all-star in 1981, will be easier to replace because he's an import. The Ticats recruited a number of defensive backs, including Chuck Lazar (Allegheny), Fred Stickey (Livingston), Rod Retherford (Washington State), and Mickey Sutton (Montana). Riley, however, will give third-year man Gerald Bess (Tuskegee) first crack at the job.

Defensive end Grover Covington (Johnson C. Smith) was the most consistent performer on the line last year. Claude Matthews (Auburn), who joined the team late last year, will battle newcomer Glenn Shough (Cal Lutheran) for the other job at end. Ben Zambiasi (Georgia), Jeff Blanchard (Rutgers)—a mid-'81 addition—and Canadian John Priestner, who had a brief fling with the Baltimore Colts, are the veteran linebackers.

Bernie Ruoff, who led the east in scoring, with 142 points, handles all the kicking.

OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

(5-11) In each of the past two seasons the Riders have managed to win only five of their 16 games. But in both years they also managed to come to life at playoff time. In 1981 they advanced all the way to the Grey Cup

game, where they scared the chin straps off the Edmonton Eskimos. Last fall they got as far as the eastern final, against the Argonauts.

Rider fans have come to expect that sort of thing. Each winter they would watch a few of the club's key players leave the team after failing to come to terms on a new, improved contract with the team's management (read former general manager Jake Dunlap). Last year, for example, it was quarterback J.C. Watts (Oklahoma), who retired rather than play for Ottawa's offerings. But by the time the schedule neared its end, the fans would be anticipating a marked improvement in their team as Mr. November, head coach George Brancato, put together a contender with rejects and retreats from other clubs.

This year, however, Mr. November will get a chance to work his magic as early as training camp. After Dunlap stepped down to "devote more time to his law practice," Brancato was promoted to director of football operations. He's in charge of all recruiting and signings, as well as maintaining his job as head coach.

One of his first moves in his new position was to sign running back Alvin (Skip) Walker to a new, long-term pact. Walker was one of the few bright spots for the Riders last season, when he led the CFL in rushing (210 carries for 1,141 yards). Allowing Walker to escape might well have been the signature on the Riders' death certificate.

Brancato then signed the quarterback he hoped will be the new J.C. Watts—Wichita State star Prince McJunkins. The 6-1, 170-pound McJunkins was the first player in NCAA history to rush for over 2,000 yards and pass for over 4,000 yards in his college career. Joining McJunkins in the quarterback battle at camp were holdovers Chris Isaac (Eastern Kentucky), who was the CFL's rookie of the year; third-year man Kevin Starkey (Long Beach State), and Donnie Little (Texas), who will likely wind up as a receiver. Then, just as camp closed, Watts ended his retirement and rejoined the club.

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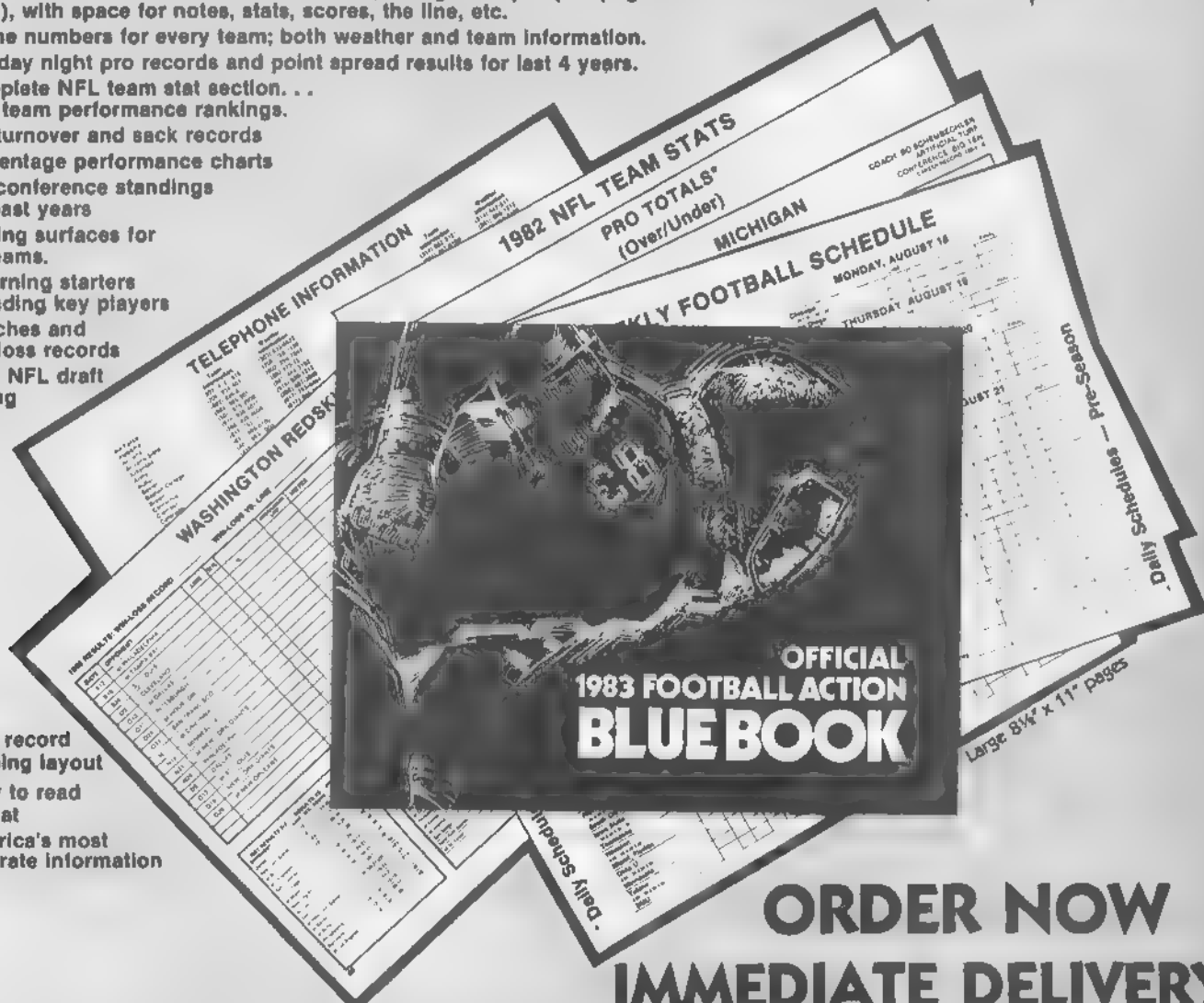
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the since-departed Jordan Case had at the start of last season. Joining Little will be Carl Powell (Jackson State), another late arrival last year. Joe Taylor (Northern Arizona) and veteran Kelvin Kirk (Dayton), who played in only five games last year after suffering a knee injury. The Riders didn't even come close to finding a replacement for long-time all-star tight end Tony Gabriel, who retired after the 1981 season. In Mike Hundson, their territorial se section out of Guelph University, the Riders hope they have found that player.

The offensive line returns intact, including imports Val Belcher (Houston) the 1980 and '81 runner-up as the league's outstanding offensive lineman, and Rudy Phillips (North Texas State) who won the top honor last season. Expected to break into the starting "O" line is rookie Roger Cattelan (Boston College) whom the Riders grabbed as another territorial selection in a trade with Montreal.

Defensively, Brancato expects to begin the season with a better group of defensive backs than he employed last year. He allowed Jon Sutton (New Mexico) to depart via the free-agent route, but picked up Ken Miller (Eastern Michigan) and Charles Cornelius (Bethune-Cookman), who had been cut adrift by Montreal. They'll join Carl Brazley (Western Kentucky), another ex-Montrealer, Ricky Ray (Norfolk State), and Charlie Johnson (Grambling) in the secondary.

Veteran Canadian Jim Plaskoski (Eastern Michigan) decided against calling it quits after 11 years and will rejoin Gary Dulin (Ohio State) and Greg Marshall (Oregon State) in a three-man front. Canadian Mark Seale (Richmond), who was a twelfth-round pick of the Giants a year ago, joined the Riders after being cut by New York. He's available as a backup or can step into a starting role if Brancato returns to a four-man line.

The linebacking corps, which was a troublesome area last year, should be improved with the addition of former New York Jet Alvin Washington (Ohio State) and first-round pick Steve Harrison (British Columbia). They'll join Rick Sowieta (Richmond) and import James Williams (Grambling), a late addition last year from Edmonton.

Gerry Organ, entering his fourteenth season, will handle the punting and place-kicking

MONTREAL CONCORDS

(2-14) If the Year of Vince Ferragamo (1981) was a disaster for football in Montreal, then last season was a catastrophe. Saddled with the task of trying to put together a semblance of a football team from the ashes of the Montreal Alouettes, rookie head coach Joe Galat managed to keep himself and those associated with the Concordes sane with his engaging sense of humor. This season, though, Galat is promising more than a few laughs.

While others saw nothing but the headlights of a freight train of doom bearing down on the Concordes, Galat managed to detect a ray of hope when ever he peeked into the dark tunnel.

"The Eskimos were the CFL leaders in offense, with 6,540 yards over 16 games," said Galat. "While our first eight games were a total catastrophe, we showed signs of marked improvement over the second half. In our last seven games we accumulated 3,000 yards."

Galat feels that with the additions he was able to make to his lineup during the course of last season, his team was a vastly improved product by year's end. With a full winter of recruitment he thinks he's got a solid contender this season.

Galat suffered a major setback when quarterback Johnny Evans (North Carolina State) broke his collarbone in an intrasquad scrimmage. He'll be lost for much of the year. The No. 1 job will now fall to rookie Mike Calhoun (Rice), who was recruited just prior to training camp. He'll be backed up by John Rogan (Yale), who played one game for the team last season, and Canadian Luc Tousignant (Fairmont State).

While Galat saw reason for optimism on offense in '82, he saw nothing bright in the defense, particularly in the secondary.

"We gave up a tone of long-yardage plays," he said. "The fact that we lost Alfonzo McMillian (Southwest Oklahoma) and Dickie Harris (South Carolina) didn't help. Then Larry Friday (Mississippi State) came in and got hurt in his first practice."

Galat released two of last year's starters—Charles Cornelius and Ken Miller (both were picked up by Ottawa). He's counting on two recruits, Harry Skipper (South Carolina) and Andrew Francis (New Mexico State), to give him more speed and thus better man-to-man coverage on the corners. McMillian and Mark Young (Morgan State), who led the east in intercepts with eight, are the safeties. The homebred Preston Young is the rover.

An influx of fine linebackers will allow Galat to switch to a "30" defense in 1983. He'll employ James Zachery (Texas A&M) and homebrew Doug Scott (Boise State) as the ends with the ageless Glen Weir at nose tackle. The linebacking corps will see Bill Hampton (Arkansas) and Delbert Fowle (West Virginia) on the outside, with Kurt Garl (Humboldt State) and a Canadian, either Carm Carter or top draft pick Mark Hopkins, on the inside.

Galat is especially proud of his special teams' efforts last season, when the Concordes led either the league or the Eastern Division in punt and kickoff coverage and punt and kickoff returns. Rookie Canadian Denis Ferdinand, who graduated from junior football, led the east in kickoff returns, while Preston Young was the division's top punt returner. As a unit, the Concordes' punt coverage team gave up just 796 yards and the kick-

off coverage group 991 yards. Both were tops in the CFL. Galat believes the performance of a team's specialty units is a gauge on the team's attitude.

"I think our attitude was there," he said. "Our guys were giving us a hell of an effort. Now, if we can put some speed and talent on the outside both on offense and defense, we're going to have something."

If Galat has, in fact, found a little speed in his new recruits, then the Concordes may finally get off the ground. If not, Olympic Stadium will be a mighty lonely place.

western division

EDMONTON ESKIMOS

(11-5-0) Pete Kettela could have one of the easiest or one of the toughest head coaching jobs in football. It'll all depend on how the veteran-laden Eskimo team, after six winning seasons under Hugh Campbell, responds to having Kettela, a former Green Bay Packers' assistant, at the helm. Wisely, Kettela appears to be taking a wait-and-see approach. He hasn't come into the job with announced plans to change the Eskimos into the Pete Kette-a-Show Smart man.

"There's not a great deal of difference between Hugh Campbell and myself as far as our approach to the game is concerned," he said. "I think that's why I'm here. I'm more in the Eskimos' tradition and style of play."

The Eskimo attack will continue to be built around the passing of quarterback Warren Moon (Washington) and the catching abilities of Tom Scott (Washington), Brian Kelly (Washington State), Waddell Smith (Kansas), Mike Levenseller (Washington State), and local product Brian Fryer, who spent three years with the Washington Redskins. That group accounted for 4,363 of the Eskimos 5,384 yards of aerial offense last season. Newcomers Ned Armour (San Diego State), Stacey Colbert

Eskimo quarterback Warren Moon





(Utah State), and Jeff Boyd (California-Fullerton) will have a tough time breaking into that crowd. But no one gave Levenseller a chance to make the team last year until Kelly got injured in a preseason game.

The Eskimos have brought in a host of quarterbacks. And while no one will come out and say so, there is no doubt that they are preparing for the expected departure of Moon to the NFL at the end of the season. Cliff Olander (New Mexico State), a one-time New York Giant backup, and Mike Williams (Grambling), the younger brother of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Doug Williams, are back from last year's team. They'll get a tough battle from Matthew Dunigan (Louisiana Tech) and Victor McGee (West Texas State), who both had impressive college credentials.

"We're not thinking beyond this season," insists Kettela. "Whether Warren leaves or stays, we still have to find a backup quarterback. Warren could just as easily break a leg."

Kettela speaks in the same manner about running back Willard Reaves (Northern Arizona), who spent last year on the Packers' reserve list. He was signed not only to provide competition for veteran Jim Germany but to serve as insurance against the sort of injury Germany suffered in a preseason game last year. Neil Lumsden will be the fullback once again, but watch for second-year man Greg Marshall to see a little more playing time.

The Eskimos' all-Canadian offensive line should remain intact, despite the fact that the team's territorial protection was Blake Dermott of Alberta and the first-round pick was UBC's Peter Vanden Bos, two superb linemen.

Kettela has the same laissez-faire approach towards his defense. Dave Fennell (North Dakota) will leave his law practice long enough each day to continue his role as "Dr. Death" from the nose-tackle position. David Boone (Eastern Michigan), another long-time Eskimo, and Tom Tuinei (Hawaii), who broke into the lineup only last year, will be the ends.

James Parker (Wake Forest), who led the league in sacks last season, will continue to harass quarterbacks from his linebacker/end role, while Dan Kepsey (East Carolina), a

LB James Parker (#40), NT Dave Fennell (#65), WR Brian Kelly (#70), PK Dave Cutler (#26), and WR Tom Scott are among the best of the champion Edmonton Eskimos.



three-time Schenley Award winner, patrols the middle. Canadians Tom Towns and Dale Potter will look after the other two linebacking positions. Other candidates for jobs include Art Tolliver (Nicholls State) and Jeff Goff (Arkansas), a twelfth-round draft pick of the Redskins last year.

In the secondary the Eskimos have brought in former Redskin Raymond Waddy (Texas A&M) and rookie Gary Thompson (College of the Redwoods), but unless old age has suddenly caught up to Larry Highbaugh (Indiana), 33, Joe Holimon (Arkansas State), 30, and Ed Jones (Rutgers), 31, don't expect any changes. Mike McLeod (Montana State), 25, is the rover and Gary Hayes (Fresno State), 26, the other safety, while Ralph Dixon (Arizona State), 25, moves in as the sixth defensive back in passing situations.

On the subject of age, 37-year-old Dave Cutler, the CFL's oldest worker, will again handle the place-kicking. The punting job is up in the air after Hank Ilesic, in a contract dispute with management, was sold to Toronto.

After five Grey Cups for Campbell, can the Eskimos make it No. 1 for Kettela?

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

(11-5-0) News items: head coach Ray Jauch quits. General manager Earl Lunsford resigns. Wide receiver Eugene Goodlow and running back William Miller become free agents, sign with NFL clubs. Veteran quarterback Dieter Brock retires.

The Blue Bombers were likely to survive the departure of Jauch to the USFL's Washington Federals. After all, coaches come and coaches go. And the club had a ready-made successor to Lunsford in local boy Paul Robson, who had been Lunsford's assistant for several years. And while Goodlow, who was the league's leading receiver in 1981, and Miller, the CFL Rookie of the Year in 1980, were outstanding players, there are a couple of very able replacements on hand.

The loss of Brock—if he does, indeed, stay retired—is a different matter. It's hard enough to replace a good quarterback. It's almost impossible to replace a great one. And Brock has been a superb quarterback during his nine seasons in Winnipeg. In 1980 he won the

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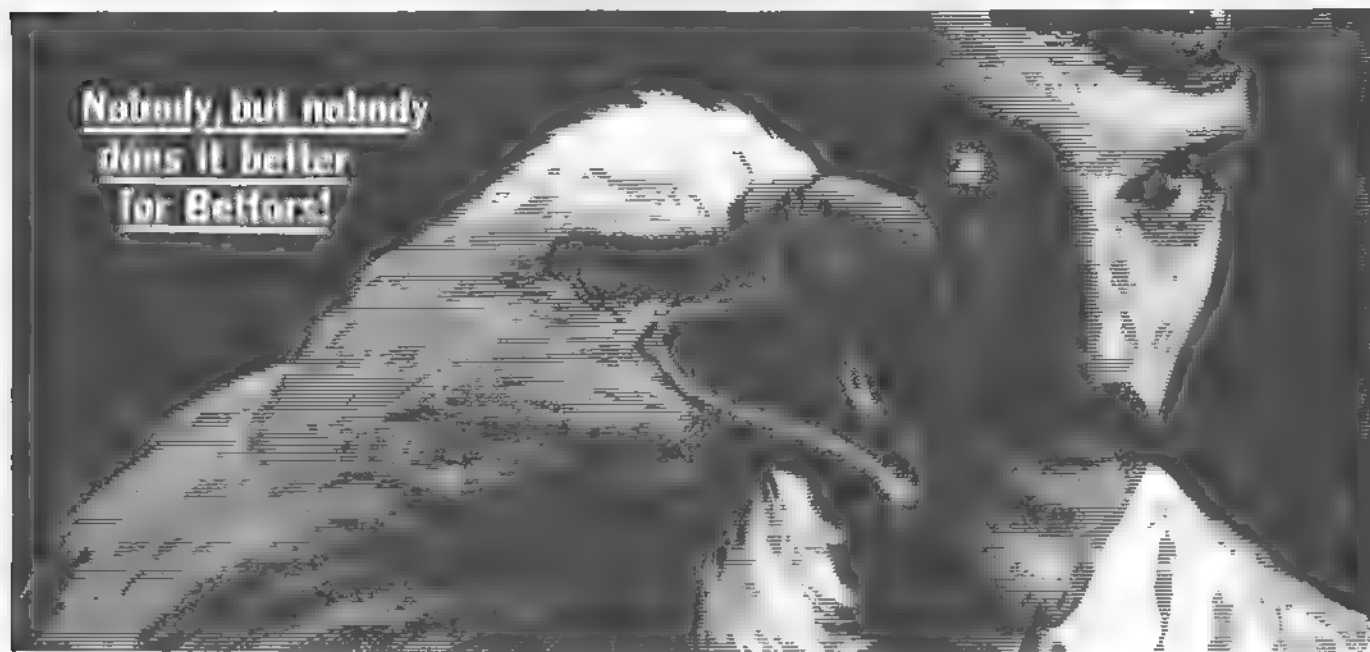
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Quarterback Dieter Brock (left) and rover Paul Bennett of Winnipeg

Schenley Award as the outstanding player in the league after setting records for most passes thrown and most completed in a single season. Just prior to the 1981 season he was rewarded with a five-year \$1.1 million contract. He promptly set out and broke the records he had established the previous season and also a 25-year-old mark for most passing yards (4,723) set by former Montreal great Sam Etcheverry.

Brock told the media he was forced into retiring after the Bombers refused to let him out of his contract so that he could finish out his career in the United States. In fact, he offered to play the 1983 season and give the Bombers a chance to groom a successor if they would agree to turn him loose at the end of the year.

Brock cited post-career business opportunities and the fact that his children had reached school age for wanting to resettle in the U.S. While he would not go into specifics, there was a strong suspicion that he'd like to play for his home-town Birmingham Stallions or, barring that, join Jauch with the Federals, who hold his USFL rights.

If both sides remain firm and Brock does in fact hang up his helmet at the age of 32, then new head coach Cal Murphy could have

some trying days ahead of him. A Manitoba native, Murphy has won six straight Grey Cups as an assistant coach—the last five with Edmonton and the year before that with the Montreal Alouettes.

Murphy will likely hand the No. 1 quarterbacking job to CFL journeyman Mark Jackson (Baylor), who has seen limited action during the past two years as Brock's understudy. Jackson was the East's leading passer in 1980 with Toronto, and he'll have to return to that level of efficiency if the Bombers are to catch a playoff spot this season.

The Bombers undoubtedly missed Goodlow last year, when a knee injury forced him to sit out ten games. However, Canadian Rick House picked up some of the slack with 63 catches for 1,020 yards, and by late season the club had recruited Ricky Martin (New Mexico) and James Murphy (Utah State), a former Kansas City Chief, to provide the much-needed deep threat that Goodlow had given them. Jack Steptoe (Utah), who has had NFL experience with the San Diego Chargers, Chicago Bears, and Philadelphia Eagles, leads the new receivers looking for work.

With Miller gone from the backfield, the competition for his job will be among Kevin Cole (San Jose State), who came over from

Edmonton midway through last season, and newcomers Brian Holland (Arizona) and Prince McCord (Alabama A&M). Canadian Milson Jones (North Dakota) could also be given a shot.

The offensive line, led by 300-pound Bobby Thompson (Kansas State), returns intact. The defensive line, however, has a large hole in it following the retirement of 36-year-old John Helton (Arizona State), a two-time Schenley winner as the league's outstanding defensive player. The rest of the line is solid, with Pete Catan (Eastern Illinois), who appears destined to win a Schenley Award, Tony Norman (Iowa State), and Canadian Doug McIver.

James Reed (Cal-Berkeley), who was sorely missed at inside linebacker last year when he sat out the entire season with a knee injury, returns, along with Aaron Brown (Ohio State), rookie Tyrone Jones (Southern), and John Pointer, obtained from Toronto. Murphy has three import veterans returning in the secondary: Wylie Turner (Angelo State) and Nate Johnson (Hillsdale), who flip-flopped between wide receiver and cornerback, will be the corners, while Reggie Pierson (Oklahoma State) holds one of the halfback jobs. Canadian Paul Bennett, the league's leading punt returner, will be the rover.

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

(9-6-1) If Stampeders fans have a feeling of déjà vu, it is perfectly understandable. A year ago the Stamps were looking for a front line quarterback and a couple of speedy, sure-handed receivers. That's exactly what they're seeking again this season.

General manager and head coach Jack Gotta thought he had both problems solved last year when he obtained quarterback Gerry Dattilio (Northern Colorado) from Montreal and recruited wide receivers Jerry Parrish (Eastern Kentucky) and Alton Alexis (Tulane). Well, Dattilio opened the season by throwing six interceptions against Toronto and Parrish and Alexis were large disappointments. Parrish, who was cut adrift after seven games, caught only 11 passes for 142 yards, while Alexis, who started in all 16 games, managed only 25 catches for 440 yards.

It's no small wonder then that Gotta went out and signed four new pivots and five wide receivers in the offseason. The quarterbacks who will battle Dattilio and Phil Kessel (Northern Michigan), who finished last season as the

Running back James Sykes (left) leads the offense and end Ed McAleney the defense for the Calgary Stampeders.



backup, for jobs are Bernard Quarles (Hawaii), Ron Reeves (Texas Tech), Dan Barrett (Cincinnati), and Greg Vavra (Calgary), the Stamps territorial protection this year.

"I think Dattilo can help us, but not as the No. 1 guy," said Gotta. "He's at his best coming off the bench."

The receivers on whom Gotta is pinning his hopes this year are Jerry Gorden (Grambling), Rick Parma (San Jose State), Vic Wallace (Idaho), Anthony Jenkins (Jackson State), and Waymen Aldridge (Nevada-Las Vegas). Fortunately for the Stamps, Willie Armstead (Utah), who had another superb year in 1981 with 612 receptions for 1,081 yards, rejected USFL offers and signed for his seventh season with Calgary.

TheStampeders had the second-worst offense in the league last year, but one bright spot continued to be running back James Sykes (Rice), who rushed for 1,046 yards, the fourth time in his five years with Calgary that he's gone over the 1,000-yard mark. Sykes' backfield partners last year were Canadian Rob Forbes and import Darrell Smith (Illinois), who was used more as a receiver than as a ball-carrier.

The Stampeder backs may find the running a little tougher this season because of the departure of offensive tackle Lloyd Fairbanks (Brigham Young). The big Canadian all-star played out his option and jumped to the Montreal Concordes much to Gotta's consternation. Rookie Jerry Dobrovolsky, this year's No. 1 pick in the college draft out of UBC, will be given the opportunity to move into Fairbanks' spot. But that's a large hole for any first-year player to fill.

While the offense sputtered along most of last season, the defense played consistently well, and much of the credit went to defensive coordinator Dan Daniel, whom the Stamps had lured away from Edmonton. But after just one year in Calgary, Daniel decided to move on to the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs. At issue is how efficiently the defense will function without Daniel handling the reins.

Defensive end Ed McAleney (Massachusetts), who is in his eighth year with the club, sets the tone for his platoon. He anchors a three-man front with nose guard George Smal (North Carolina A&T) and Rich Goltz, signed as a free agent from B.C. late in training camp. Dan Bass (Michigan State), who won his first all-Canadian honors last season, will start at one of the inside linebacking spots along with Canadian Wayne Harris Jr. Canadian Doug Battershill (Weber State) is set at one outside position, where he stood out last year. Larry Barker (Idaho) is the incumbent at the other outside spot, but he'll face competition from newcomers Larry Alexander (San Jose State), John Rade (Boise State), and Steve Wilburn (Illinois State).

Veteran Terry Irvin (Jackson State) and Ray Odums (Alabama) are fixtures on the corners. The inside spots weren't as settled last year, especially after an injury knocked Lepoleon Ingram (Cal-Sacramento) out for nine games. Darryl Smith (Lamar) and Darrel Toussaint (Northwestern State) moved into the halfback spots, with Canadian Darrell Morr the rover.

Canadian slotback Mike McTague (North Dakota) will probably be relieved of his punting duties this year. Gotta is hoping that pace kicker J.T. Hay has developed enough as a punter to handle both duties.



BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS

(9-7-0) The Lions obviously believe that lightning never strikes the same spot twice. In 1977 they dipped into the ranks of the Edmonton Eskimo staff and came out with Vic Rapp as their new head coach. Six years later, with a second-, two third-, and three fourth-place finishes to show for his efforts, Rapp was gone. Now the Lions have gone again to Edmonton, this time hooking Don Matthews, the Eskimos' defensive secondary coach.

Matthews doesn't hesitate in admitting that the Lions will bear a strong resemblance to the Eskimos in their strategy.

"We're going to open up the attack, get away from the two-tight-end formation," he said. "We'll add speed inside with a double slotback system. We'll use more motion than B.C. has used in the past. We'll throw the ball. The pass will set up the run."

Plagued by injuries last season, veteran quarterback Joe Paopao (Long Beach State) lost his starting job to third-year man Roy Dewalt (Texas-Arlington). Matthews, however, insists Paopao will get every opportunity to win back the starting job this year, and there is no thought to trading the 28-year-old Throwin' Samoan. But if rookie Tim Cowan (Washington), whom the Lions signed before the NFL draft, comes up big, Paopao could find himself moving on to any number of teams looking for a proven quarterback.

Mervyn Fernandez, who was signed as a dropout from San Jose State, went on to catch 64 passes for 1,046 yards and win Rookie of the Year honors. Matthews is looking for another big year from the 6-3 speedster and is hoping that he can uncover another good receiver between Leroy Campbell (Sonoma State) or Gerald Bradley (Weber State) to replace Tyrone Gray, who was dealt to Toronto.

Matthews refused to play money games with veteran running back Larry Key (Florida State), who played out his option last year and went job hunting in the USFL. When the offer from the Tampa Bay Bandits didn't meet his expectations, he sought to return to the Lions. "Thanks, but no thanks," was Matthews' reply,



Running back John Henry White and quarterback Roy Dewalt (#9) lead the British Columbia Lions.

and Key eventually wound up signing with the Green Bay Packers.

While Key went wandering, Matthews made up his mind that he was going to employ one import back—John Henry White (Louisiana Tech)—along with a Canadian fullback—Don Taylor, Ryan Potter, or rookies Peter LeClerc or Bill Bychowski.

Another Edmonton look will appear on the offensive line, where Matthews wants eventually to eliminate the imports. Most teams, following the Eskimos' example, have done this already. Two factors, however, may stall that plan. Jim Mills (Hawaii), the Lions territorial protection, was chosen in the seventh round of the NFL draft by Baltimore and was expected to sign with the Colts. And Gerald Roper (Arizona), last year's territorial pick, underwent knee surgery in the offseason and wasn't expected to be ready for the exhibition schedule. Those two developments might give reprieves to imports Don Hickman (Southern Cal) and Jim Lohman (Texas-El Paso), who will be returning, along with Canadians Al Wilson, Jim Leonhard, and John Blain.

Defensively, Matthews wants to go "a little more to the attack type of defense we used in Edmonton. I like to attack the offense rather than [let it] attack us," he said.

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moving standout defensive end Nick Hebler inside and Rick Klassen outside as the blitzing linebacker Mack Moore (Texas A&M) will be the nose tackle, while Canadian Brent Racette and imports Pat Boundreau (Southwest Louisiana) and Leon Evans (Miami) will battle over the other down-in-man's position.

Tyrone Crews (Kansas State) returns as an inside linebacker, along with Canadian outside linebackers Glenn Jackson, Kevin Konar, and Ron Moorehouse (San Diego State). Matthews, however, is also seeking a fourth linebacker who can double as a sixth defensive back in passing situations.

Ken Hinton (San Diego State), in his seventh season, and Kerry Parker (Grambling), in his fourth, will be the corners. Jo Jo Heath (Pittsburgh), obtained in a trade with Toronto, will battle Devon Ford (Appalachian State) for one halfback spot. Larry Crawford (Iowa State) will be the other halfback. Depending on how his import-Canadian distribution works out, Matthews could wind up with Crawford at rover. That would allow him to use both Heath and Ford. Otherwise, Canadian Nelson Martin will be the rover.

ALBERTA ROUGHRIDERS

(6-9-1) After six straight years of being out of the playoffs, the Roughriders' publicity and marketing departments are finding it a little bit tougher to crank up "Rider Pride" among the fans. Over the years it's been that province-wide pride in the success of the Green Machine that has allowed the Riders to be one of the most successful franchises in the CFL. That despite being in the smallest market.

Afraid of what might happen if they ever lose their grip on the loyalty of their fans, the Riders have made a concerted effort to regain a playoff spot this season. But it won't be easy in the tough western division. Under new general manager John Herrera, who moved over from the B.C. Lions to replace the departed Jim Spavital, the Riders undertook one of their biggest recruiting drives in years this winter and invited 105 players to training camp.

The biggest task facing head coach Joe Faragalli, who found the second year as the Riders' overseer a lot more nerve-racking than year one, when he was named coach of the year, will be replacing wide receiver Joey Walters (Clemson). Walters caught a record-setting 101 passes last year for 1,670 yards, but in the process played out his option and became a free agent. This spring he joined the USFL's Washington Federals, and is that club's lone bright spot.

The prime candidate to replace Walters was Dave Newman (Missouri) who was obtained from Toronto in a trade for veteran Canadian defensive back Ken McEachern. Newman, however, failed to impress and was sent to Ottawa. Stepping into the vacancy is Ray Elgaard, a Canadian who attended Utah. The other returning receivers aren't exactly slouches, either. Chris deFrance caught 78 passes for 1,062 yards, Ron Robinson had 54 for 723, and Canadian Dwight Edwards had 38 for 588.

Quarterback Joe "747" Adams (Tennessee

Quarterbacks Joe "747" Adams (top left), John Hufnagel (#12), and Homer Jordan (#3) with end Vince Goldsmith of the Roughriders



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State) had, in Faragalli's opinion, "as good a year as any rookie coming into this league," when he completed 245 of 454 passes for 3,312 yards and 19 touchdowns. He's No. 1 until proven otherwise. Veteran John Hufnagel (Penn State) had a strong training camp and fought off competition from three rookies: Homer Jordan (Clemson), Lance Hofer (Augustana), and Chip Stuart (Gardner Webb).

Mike Washington (Washington State), who took the running-back job away from Lester Brown, signed a new long-term contract and is expected to be the No. 1 man at that position. Larry Jones (Colorado State) has extreme quickness and speed.

Aside from finding a replacement for Walters, the main chore facing Faragalli is to strengthen the defensive front. To do that Faragalli will make two moves. First of all he'll stand up Vince Goldsmith (Oregon) after playing the 1981 Rookie of the Year as a down lineman last season. Faragalli cleaned out the veterans on the defensive line, cutting Mike Samples and sending Lyall Woznesensky to the Argos. The replacements are J.C. Pelusi (Pittsburgh), Ron Mackey (Central Oklahoma State), and Karl Morgan (UCLA).

Joining Goldsmith at linebacker will be returnee Frank Robinson (Tulane) and Canadian Jerry Friessen or No. 1 draft pick Mike Emery. Several new imports were signed in the offseason—Eddie Lowe (Alabama), Harvey Childress (Southern Oregon), and Keith Fourcade (Mississippi).

The starting secondary going into camp had Marcellus Green (Arizona) and Steve Dennis (Grambling) at the corners, with Billy McBride (Tennessee State) and Fran McDermott (St. Mary's, CA) as the halfbacks and Canadian Marshall Hamilton replacing McEachern as rover. Greene went back to Toronto, leaving Don Jones (Southern Cal) as the likely left cornerback.

One area Faragalli won't have to worry about is his kicking game, where Dave Ridgeway led the league in field goals last season, with 38, and Ken Clark topped the punters with a 47.3-yard average.

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HAMILTON REDWINGS

Ned Armour, WR, San Diego State; Jeff Boyd, WR, Cal-Fullerton; Stacey Colbert, WR, Utah State; Matt Dunigan, QB, Louisiana Tech; Craig Ellis, WR, San Diego State; Jeff Floyd, LB, Simpson College; Jeff Goff, LB, Arkansas; Ron Hale, DT, Vanderbilt; Victor McGee, QB, West Texas State; Derek Peels, RB, Santa Monica Jr. College (Ottawa-CFL); Bruce Radford, DE, Grambling (Denver-NFL); Willard Reaves, RB, Northern Arizona (Green Bay-NFL); Scott Stauch, RB, UCLA (New Orleans-NFL); Gary Thompson, DB, College of Redwoods; Arthur Tolliver, LB, Nicholls State; Willie Tolbert, WR, Cheyenne State; Raymond Waddy, CB, Texas A&I (Washington-NFL); Mike Williams, QB, Grambling (Toronto-CFL); Earl Wilson, WR, West Texas State; Dewey Turner, DE, Texas.

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

William Boyd, WR, Illinois State; Ron Austin, RB, Cal-Davis; Gavin Carr, CB, Cal-Davis; Bob Carter, WR, Arizona; Harvey Childress, LB, Southern Oregon; Anthony Evans, DB,

Georgetown; Thomas Fisher, DL, Missouri Southern; Keith Fourcade, LB, Mississippi; Duane Galloway, DB, Arizona State; Darryl Goss, RB, Cal-Davis; Matt Gersper, LB, Cal-Davis; Lance Hofer, QB, Augustana College; Steve Johnson, CB, Mississippi State; Homer Jordan, QB, Clemson; Larry Jones, RB, Colorado State; Steve Lehor, LB, Hawaii; Ron Mackey, NG, Central Oklahoma State; Dave Newman, SB, Missouri (Toronto-CFL); Don Newman, LB, Idaho; Dan Reiner, DE, Kearney State; Rodney Ridgell, DB, Cal-Davis; Scott Sible, WR, Northern Michigan; Bob Slater, LB, Cal-Davis; Chip Stuart, QB, Gardner Webb; Henry Williams, WR, Long Beach State; Eddie Lowe, LB, Alabama; Ron Austin, RB, Cal-Davis; Stacey Charles, WR, Arizona; Danny Clark, WR, West Texas Tech; Karl Morgan, NG, UCLA; Pelusi, DT, Pittsburgh.

WINNIPEG BLUEBONNETS

Kevin Allen, WR, Cal-Fullerton; Jeff Brown, LB, St. Mary's, CA; Mark Chipman, WR, North Dakota; Ernst Christmas, DB, San Francisco State; Tony Fuller, DB, San Diego State; Randy Gill, MLB, San Jose State (St. Louis-NFL); Dexter Henderson, WR, Southern; Brian Holland, RB, Arizona; Tyrone Jones, LB, Southern; Ricky Logan, MLB, East Tennessee State; Lester Melontree, DE, Stephen F. Austin; Lester Mickens, WR, Kansas; Billy Mullins, WR, Southern Cal; James Murphy, WR, Utah State (Kansas City-NFL); Shawn Passman, RB, Villanova; Floyd Ragan, DB, Southern; Jack Steptoe, WR, Utah; Pete Thompson, WR, Carroll College; John Blake, OG, San Jose State (Hamilton-CFL); Terry Drake, DB, Lubbock Christian; Keith Day, WR, Fresno State; Altonia Hill, WR, Arizona; Leamon Hall, QB, U.S. Military Academy; Prince McCord, RB, Alabama A&M; Lawrence McCullough, QB, Illinois; Ron Meeks, DB, Arkansas (Hamilton-CFL); Roger Taylor, OT, Oklahoma State; Darin Ulin, RB, Arizona.

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

Larry Alexander, LB, San Jose State; Waymon Aladridge, WR, Nevada-Las Vegas; Dan Barrett, QB, Cincinnati; Ray Crouse, RB, Nevada-Las Vegas; Chucky Davis, RB, Wisconsin; Jerry Gordon, WR, Grambling; Larry Hogue, DB, Utah State; Anthony Jenkins, WR, Jackson State; Kevin Molle, OT, Fresno State; Ken Moore, TE, Hawaii; Rick Parma, WR, San Jose State; John Rade, LB, Boise State; Ron Reeves, QB, Texas Tech; Tim Sturdevant, DB, Montana State; James Thaxton, DB, Louisiana Tech; Vic Wallace, WR, Idaho; Steve Wilburn, LB, Illinois State.

EDMONTON CYCLONES

Delbert Allen, WR, Texas El Paso; Ken Banks, LB, E. Michigan (Ottawa-CFL); Milton Baker, WR, West Texas State; Gregg Barrow, OG, Florida (Hamilton-CFL); Reg Brown, WR, Temple; Pat Boudreaux, DL, Southwest Louisiana; Effley Brooks, LB, Kentucky; Chester Cooper, WR, Minnesota; Tim Cowan, QB, Washington; Leon Evans, DE, Miami; Dave Glenn, WR, Montana; Sam Greene, WR, Nevada-Las Vegas; Jo Jo Heath, DB, Pittsburgh (Toronto-CFL); Mike Hogan, DB, Montana; Darnell Johnson, DB, North Carolina State; Reggie Irving, OT, Grambling; Mike Martin, RB, Washington State; Judson Mayes, DB, Boise State; Dave McNeel, LB, Missouri; John Scott, DB, Virginia Tech; Craig Sowash, LB, Oregon State; Scot Tiesing, WR, UCLA; Jimmy Thomas, DB, Western Kentucky; Obie Graves, RB, Cal-Fullerton (Hamilton-CFL).

TORONTO ARGONAUTS

Aaron Hill, DB, Lamar; Ed Jackson, LB, Louisiana Tech; Lamont Meacham, DB, Western Kentucky; Gerald Megna, DB, East Tennessee State; Bill Mitchell, LB, Long Beach State (Ottawa-CFL); Ken McEachern, DB, Weber State (Saskatchewan-CFL); Darrell Nicholson, LB, North Carolina; Bill Norton, OG, Weber State (Montreal-CFL); Alonzo Patterson, RB, Wagner College; Leroy Paul, DB, Texas Southern; Kelvin Pruenster, OT, Cal-Poly Pomona; Mike Rodrigue, WR, Miami; A. Ruben, DE, Houston; John Singleton, DE, Texas-El Paso; Bob Smith, OG, Utah State; Bruce Threadgill, QB, Mississippi State (Calgary-CFL); Emanuel Tolbert, WR, Southern Methodist (Saskatchewan-CFL); Ken White, WR, Alabama A&M; Pat Whitehead, RB, Buffalo; Joey Whitley, DB, Texas El Paso; Tyrone Gray, WR, Emporia State (BC-CFL); Marcellus Greene, DB, Arizona (Saskatchewan-CFL).

OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

Roger Cattelan, OT, Boston College; Charles Cornelius, CB, Bethune-Cookman (Montreal-CFL); Mike Horton, RB, Alabama A&M; Charles Johnson, DB, Grambling (St. Louis-NFL); Tim Johnson, DB, West Virginia Tech; Don Little, WR-QB, Texas; John Kane, OG, Michigan Tech; Prince McJunkins, QB, Wichita State; Ken Miller, DB, Eastern Michigan (Montreal-CFL); Carl Powell, WR, Jackson State; Rickey Ray, CB, Norfolk State (Washington-NFL); Mark Seale, DT, Richmond; Matthew Teague, DE, Prairie View A&M (Atlanta-NFL); Felix Wilson, WR, Kentucky; Jack Williams, DE, Bowling Green; Alvin Washington, LB, Ohio State (New York Jets-NFL); James Williams, CB, Grambling.

MONTREAL SOUVENIRS

Tony Anglin, DE, Texas Southern; Steve Cordle, DB, Fresno State; Lance Courbelle, WR, Texas Southern; Lee English, RB, North Texas State; Mike Elarms, WR, Angelo State; Andre Francis, DB, New Mexico State; Ricky Floyd, RB, Southern Mississippi; Tom Griffin, LB, Northwest Oklahoma State; Carl Hemby, LB, San Jose State; Lloyd Fairbanks, OT, Brigham Young (Calgary-CFL); Jerry James, DB, Texas A&I; Jerry Parrish, WR, Eastern Kentucky (Calgary-CFL); Jeff Patterson, WR, Youngstown State; Jamie Pope, FB, Gardner-Webb; Ed Preston, DB, Arkansas State; Jerry Sims, WR, Angelo State; Harry Skipper, DB, South Carolina; Dale Shepherd, LB, Texas Southern; Ken Smith, DB, Southern Mississippi; Greg Taylor, WR, Virginia; Joe Walker, DB, Northern Arizona; Calvin Whitfield, RB, Rhode Island; Greg Wright, DE, Delaware State; John Rogan, QB, Yale.

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

Randy Besler, OG, Northeast Missouri State; Bruce Bush, WR, Arizona; Al Cade, LB, Northwest Missouri State; Jake Drug, DT, Kentucky; Vince Emanuel, RB, San Diego State; Pete Gaies, QB, Iowa; Greg Gary, LB, Cal-Fullerton; Keith Gooch, DB, Cal-Fullerton; Chuck Lazar, DB, Allegheny College; Jeff McCafferty, OT, Lincoln (Missouri) College; Tom Pierzga, OT, Boston University; Rod Retherford, DB, Washington State; Glen Shough, DE, Cal-Lutheran; Fred Stickney, DB, Livingston College; Jordan Stone, DT, Utah; Mickey Sutton, DB, Montana; Jeff Tedford, QB, Fresno State; Felix Wright, DB, Drake; Norman Brown, WR, Cal-Fullerton; John Shepperd, RB, Livingston; Mark Streefer, DB, Arizona (Toronto-CFL).

NFC STATISTICS

Points: 176, Paul Hornung, Green Bay (1960)
TDs: 22, Gale Sayers, Chicago (1965)
22, Chuck Foreman, Minnesota (1975)
PGs: 33, Chester Marcol, Green Bay (1972)
PATs: 59, Rafael Septien, Dallas (1980)

SCORING

	TD	TOR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Dallas	28	10	16	2	28	28	10	14	0	226
Green Bay	27	12	12	3	25	27	13	18	0	226
San Francisco	25	6	17	2	23	25	12	17	0	209
Los Angeles Rams	25	13	11	1	23	25	9	15	0	200
Philadelphia	25	11	12	2	23	25	6	9	0	191
Washington	19	5	13	1	16	19	20	21	0	190
Minnesota	23	6	15	2	23	23	8	14	1	187
Atlanta	22	12	9	1	21	22	10	14	0	183
Detroit	19	5	12	2	19	19	16	17	0	181
New York Giants	18	7	10	1	18	18	12	21	1	164
Tampa Bay	15	6	9	0	14	15	18	23	0	158
Chicago	16	5	10	1	16	16	9	20	1	141
St. Louis	16	10	6	0	15	16	8	13	0	135
New Orleans	16	8	8	0	15	16	6	13	0	129

KICKERS

	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Moseley, Mark, Wash.	16	19	20	21	76
Capece Br., T.B.	14	14	18	23	68
Stenerud, Jan, G.B.	25	27	13	18	64
Wersching, Ray, S.F.	23	25	12	17	59
Septien, Rafael, Dal.	28	28	10	14	58
Danelo, Joe, Giants	18	18	12	21	54
Luckhurst, Mick, Atl.	21	22	10	14	51
Lansford, Mike, Rams	23	24	9	15	50
Murray, Ed, Del.	16	16	11	12	49
Danmeier, Rick, Minn.	23	23	8	14	47
Franklin, Tony, Phil.	23	25	6	9	41
O'Donoghue, Neil, St. L.	15	16	8	13	39
Thomas, Bob, Det.-Chi.	9	9	10	12	39
Roveto, John, Chi.	10	10	4	13	22
Fritsch, Tom, N.O.	8	9	4	7	20
Anderson, Morten, N.O.	6	6	2	5	12
Ernieben, Russel, N.O.	1	1	0	1	1

NON-KICKERS

	TD	R	P	M	PTS
Tyler, Wendell, Rams	13	9	4	0	78
Very, Eddie Lee, G.B.	10	9	1	0	60
Montgomery, Wilbert, Phil.	9	7	2	0	54
Brown, Charlie, Wash.	8	0	8	0	48
Moore, Jeff, S.F.	8	4	4	0	48
Andrews, Wilham, Atl.	7	5	2	0	42
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	5	0	5	0	30
Dorsett, Tony, Dal.	5	5	0	0	30
Lofton, James, G.B.	5	1	4	0	30
Moorehead, Emery, Chi.	5	0	5	0	30
Riggs, Gerald, Atl.	5	5	0	0	30
White, Sammy, Minn.	5	0	5	0	30
Wilson, Wayne, N.O.	5	3	2	0	30
Carmichael, Harold, Phil.	4	0	4	0	24
Cosbie, Doug, Dal.	4	0	4	0	24
Gray, Ernest, Giants	4	0	4	0	24
Hill, David, Del.	4	0	4	0	24
Morris, Wayne, St. L.	4	4	0	0	24
Sims, Billy, Del.	4	4	0	0	24
Springs, Ron, Dal.	4	2	2	0	24
Thompson, Leonard, Del.	4	0	4	0	24

	TD	R	P	M	PTS
Wilder, James, T.B.	4	3	1	0	24
Woolfolk, Butch, Giants	4	2	2	0	24
Anderson, Otis, St. L.	3	3	0	0	18
Brown, Ted, Minn.	3	1	2	0	18
DuPree, Billy Joe, Dal.	3	1	2	0	18
Giles, Jimmy, T.B.	3	0	3	0	18
Green, Roy, St. L.	3	0	3	0	18
Johnson, Butch, Dal.	3	0	3	0	18
Kramer, Tommy, Minn.	3	3	0	0	18
Lewis, Leo, Minn.	3	0	3	0	18
Margenau, Ken, Chi.	3	0	3	0	18
Pearson, Drew, Dal.	3	0	3	0	18
Riggins, John, Wash.	3	3	0	0	18
Rodgers, Del, G.B.	3	1	0	2	18
Rogers, George, N.O.	3	3	0	0	18
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	3	0	3	0	18
Suhey, Matt, Chi.	3	3	0	0	18
Baschnagel, Brian, Chi.	2	0	2	0	12
Bruer, Bob, Minn.	2	0	2	0	12
Cain, Lynn, Atl.	2	1	1	0	12
Carver, Mel, T.B.	2	1	1	0	12
Chalman, Cliff, Giants	2	2	0	0	12
Coffman, Paul, G.B.	2	0	2	0	12
Dennard, Preston, Rams	2	0	2	0	12
Duckett, Kenny, N.O.	2	0	2	0	12
Eggs, Phillip, G.B.	2	0	2	0	12
Farmer, George, Rams	2	0	2	0	12
Francis, Russ, S.F.	2	0	2	0	12
Guman, Mike, Rams	2	2	0	0	12
Harris, Leroy, Phil.	2	2	0	0	12
House, Kevin, T.B.	2	0	2	0	12
Mister, John, Giants	2	0	2	0	12
Newsome, Tim, Dal.	2	1	1	0	12
Nichols, Mark, Del.	2	0	2	0	12
Perkins, Johnny, Giants	2	0	2	0	12
Robinson, Bo, Atl.	2	0	2	0	12
Rogers, Jimmy, N.O.	2	2	0	0	12
Spagnola, John, Phil.	2	0	2	0	12
Thompson, John, G.B.	2	0	2	0	12
Tilley, Pat, St. L.	2	0	2	0	12
Washington, Joe, Wash.	2	1	1	0	12
Williams, Doug, T.B.	2	2	0	0	12

	TD	R	P	M	PTS
Young, Rickey, Minn.	2	1	1	0	12
Barley, Stacey, Atl.	1	0	1	0	6
Barber, Mike, Rams	1	0	1	0	6
Barkowski, Steve, Atl.	1	1	0	0	6
Battie, Ron, Rams	1	0	1	0	6
Blackmore, Richard, Phil.	1	0	0	1	6
Brown, Greg, Phil.	1	0	0	0	6
Brunner, Scott, Giants	1	1	0	0	6
Campfield, Billy, Phil.	1	0	1	0	6
Carpenter, Rob, Giants	1	1	0	0	6
Cooper, Earl, S.F.	1	0	1	0	6
Cromwell, Nolan, Rams	1	1	0	0	6
Didier, Cinto, Wash.	1	0	1	0	6
Downs, Mike, Dal.	1	0	0	1	6
Ellis, Gerry, G.B.	1	1	0	0	6
Ferragamo, Vince, Rams	1	1	0	0	6
Galbreath, Tony, Minn.	1	1	0	0	6
Giammona, Louie, Phil.	1	1	0	0	6
Gazebrook, Bob, Atl.	1	0	0	0	6
Groth, Jeff, N.O.	1	0	1	0	6
Hall, Alvin, Del.	1	0	0	0	6
Hardy, Larry, N.O.	1	0	1	0	6
Harmon, Clarence, Wash.	1	1	0	0	6
Harrington, Perry, Phil.	1	1	0	0	6
Harvey, Maurice, G.B.	1	0	0	1	6
Hill, Tony, Dal.	1	0	1	0	6
Hurley, Bill, N.O.	1	0	1	0	6
Irvin, Leroy, Rams	1	0	0	1	6
Jackson, Alfred, Atl.	1	0	1	0	6
Jenkins, Alfred, Atl.	1	0	1	0	6
Jensen, Jim, G.B.	1	0	1	0	6
Johnson, Charlie, Minn.	1	0	0	0	6
Jones, Gordon, T.B.	1	0	1	0	6
Jordan, Curtis, Wash.	1	0	0	1	6
Kab, Vyto, Phil.	1	0	1	0	6
King, Horace, Del.	1	0	1	0	6
LaFleur, Greg, St. L.	1	0	1	0	6
LeCount, Terry, Minn.	1	0	1	0	6
Lomax, Neil, St. L.	1	1	0	0	6
Lott, Ronnie, S.F.	1	0	0	1	6
McLemore, Dana, S.F.	1	0	0	1	6
McMahon, Jim, Chi.	1	1	0	0	6
Miller, Junior, Atl.	1	0	1	0	6
Miller, Willie, Rams	1	0	1	0	6
Mitchell, Stump, St. L.	1	1	0	0	6
Monk, Art, Wash.	1	0	1	0	6
Montana, Joe, S.F.	1	1	0	0	6
Morris, Joe, Giants	1	1	0	0	6
Nehemiah, Renaldo, S.F.	1	0	1	0	6
Newhouse, Robert, Dal.	1	1	0	0	6
Oldham, Ray, Del.	1	0	0	1	6
Owens, James, T.B.	1	0	1	0	6
Payton, Walter, Chi.	1	1	0	0	6
Quick, Mike, Phil.	1	0	1	0	6
Ring, Billy, S.F.	1	1	0	0	6
Rubick, Rob, Del.	1	1	0	0	6
Scott, Fred, Del.	1	0	1	0	6
Senser, Joe, Minn.	1	0	1	0	6
Smith, Ron, Phil.	1	0	1	0	6
Taylor, Lawrence, Giants	1	0	0	1	6
Thompson, Aundra, N.O.	1	0	1	0	6
Thurman, Dennis, Dal.	1	0	0	1	6
Turner, John, Minn.	1	0	0	1	6
Walker, Rick, Wash.	1	0	1	0	6
Wehr, Roger, St. L.	1	1	0	0	6
Wilson, Mike, S.F.	1	0	1	0	6
Wilson, Otis, Chi.	1	0	0	0	6
Wonsley, Otis, Wash.	1	0	1	0	6

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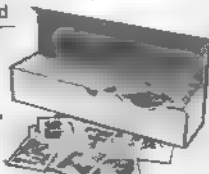
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NFC Statistics

RECORDS

Completions: 347, Steve DeBerg, San Francisco (1979)

TDs: 36, Y.A. Tittle, New York (1963)

Yards: 3,812, Tommy Kramer, Minnesota (1981)

Longest for TD: 99 yards, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Washington (1939)

99 yards, George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Washington (1963)

99 yards, Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Detroit (1966)

99 yards, Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Allen, Washington (1968)

PASSING

	Att	Comp	Pct. Comp	Yards	Avg. Gain	TD	Pct TD	Long	Int	Pct. Int	Rating	Points
Thermon, Joe, Wash.	252	161	63.9	2033	8.07	13	5.2	78	9	3.6	91.3	
White, Danny, Dal.	247	156	63.2	2079	8.42	16	6.5	49	12	4.9	91.1	
Montana, Joe, S.F.	346	213	61.6	2613	7.55	17	4.9	55	11	3.2	87.9	
McMahon, Jim, Chi.	210	120	57.1	1501	7.15	9	4.3	150	7	3.3	80.1	
Barkowski, Steve, Atl.	262	166	63.4	1905	7.27	8	3.1	186	11	4.2	78.1	
Ferragamo, Vince, Rams	209	118	56.5	1609	7.70	9	4.3	185	9	4.3	77.7	
Jaworski, Ron, Phil.	286	167	58.4	2076	7.26	12	4.2	57	12	4.2	77.5	
Kramer, Tommy, Minn.	308	176	57.1	2037	6.61	15	4.9	65	12	3.9	77.3	
Dickey, Lynn, G.B.	218	124	56.9	1790	8.21	12	5.5	180	14	6.4	75.4	
Brunner, Scott, Giants	298	161	54.0	2017	6.77	10	3.4	47	9	3.0	74.1	
Stabler, Ken, N.O.	189	117	61.9	1343	7.11	6	3.2	48	10	5.3	71.9	
Lomax, Neil, St.L.	205	109	53.2	1367	6.67	5	2.4	42	6	2.9	70.1	
Williams, Doug, T.B.	307	164	53.4	2071	6.75	9	2.9	162	11	3.6	69.4	
Danvers, Gary, Det.	197	100	50.8	1343	6.82	10	5.1	170	14	7.1	60.3	

NFC NON-QUALIFIERS (10 OR MORE ATTEMPTS)

	Att	Comp	Comp	Yards	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points
Moraski, Mike, Atl.	13	10	76.9	87	6.69	1	7.7	35	0	0.0	119.7
Hart, Jim, St.L.	33	19	57.6	199	6.03	1	3.0	22	0	0.0	85.2
Jones, Bert, Rams	87	48	55.2	527	6.06	2	2.3	151	4	4.6	61.8
Avellini, Bob, Chi.	20	8	40.0	84	4.20	0	0.0	21	0	0.0	52.9
Dils, Steve, Minn.	26	11	42.3	68	2.62	0	0.0	12	0	0.0	49.8
Whitehurst, David, G.B.	47	18	38.3	235	5.00	0	0.0	22	1	2.1	46.1
Hipple, Eric, Det.	86	36	41.9	411	4.78	2	2.3	52	4	4.7	45.0
Merkins, Guido, N.O.	49	18	36.7	186	3.80	1	2.0	37	2	4.1	38.1
Evans, Vince, Chi.	28	12	42.9	125	4.46	0	0.0	19	4	14.3	16.8

RECORDS

Number: 114, Bob Parsons, Chicago (1981)

Average: 51.4 yards, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)

Longest: 94 yards, Joe Lintz, Chicago (1931)

(Leader based on average return, minimum 9 returns)

	NO	YDS	LONG	AVG	TD	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Birdsong, Carl, St.L.	54	2365	65	43.8	6	0	36	288	8	36.2
Misak, John, Rams	45	1961	59	43.6	2	1	31	401	10	33.0
Enkleben, Russ, N.O.	46	1976	60	43.0	6	0	29	239	6	35.2
Jennings, Dave, Giants	49	2096	73	42.8	3	0	25	207	16	37.3
White, Danny, Dal.	37	1542	56	41.7	2	0	21	118	6	37.4
Swider, Larry, T.B.	39	1620	59	41.5	6	1	23	192	6	32.7
Parsons, Bob, Chi.	58	2394	81	41.3	3	0	34	314	10	34.8
Skadany, Tom, Det.	36	1483	59	41.2	3	0	21	200	6	34.0
Coleman, Greg, Minn.	58	2384	67	41.1	6	0	30	176	7	36.0
Rutger, Max, Phil.	44	1784	53	40.5	1	0	31	316	8	32.9
Stachowicz, Ray, G.B.	42	1687	53	40.2	2	0	27	286	7	32.4
Smigelsky, Dave, Atl.	26	1000	54	38.5	2	0	15	79	6	33.9
Miller, Jim, S.F.	44	1676	80	38.1	3	1	20	224	11	30.9
Hayes, Jeff, Wash.	51	1937	58	38.0	5	1	30	106	10	33.3

RECORDS

Carrier: 378, George Rogers,

New Orleans (1981)

Yards: 1,863, Jim Brown, Cleveland (1963)

TDs: 18, Jim Taylor, Green Bay (1962)

RUSHING

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Dallas	296	1313	4.4	199	10
New Orleans	331	1257	3.8	38	8
St. Louis	307	1209	3.9	64	10
Atlanta	310	1181	3.8	37	12
Washington	315	1140	3.6	40	5
Green Bay	283	1081	3.8	183	12
Los Angeles Rams	251	1025	4.1	54	13
Detroit	283	1022	3.6	29	5
Chicago	276	988	3.6	26	5

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Tampa Bay	268	952	3.6	47	6
Minnesota	245	912	3.7	30	6
New York Giants	244	842	3.5	23	7
Philadelphia	211	829	3.9	190	11
San Francisco	219	740	3.4	21	6

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Dorsett, Tony, Dal.	177	745	4.2	199	5
Simms, Billy, Det.	172	639	3.7	29	4
Payton, Walter, Chi.	148	596	4.0	26	1
Anderson, Otis, St.L.	145	587	4.0	64	3
Andrews, William, Atl.	139	573	4.1	119	5
Tyler, Wendell, Rams	137	564	4.1	54	9
Riggins, John, Wash.	177	553	3.1	19	3
Rogers, George, N.O.	122	535	4.4	38	3
Montgomery, Wilbert, Phil.	114	515	4.5	190	7
Brown, Ted, Minn.	120	515	4.3	30	1
Ivery, Eddie Lee, G.B.	127	453	3.6	32	9

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Woolfolk, Butch, Giants	112	439	3.9	18	2
Wilson, Wayne, N.O.	103	413	4.0	20	3
Wilder James, T.B.	83	324	3.9	47	3
Riggs, Gerald, Atl.	78	299	3.8	37	5
Moore Jeff, S.F.	85	281	3.3	19	4
Morris, Wayne, St.L.	84	274	3.3	11	4
Guman, Mike, Rams	89	266	3.0	15	2
Springs, Ron, Dall.	59	243	4.1	146	2
Owens, James, T.B.	76	238	3.1	14	0
Harrington, Perry, Phi.	56	231	4.1	37	1
Carver Mel, T.B.	70	229	3.3	113	1
Ellis, Gerry, G.B.	62	228	3.7	29	1
Suhey Malt, Chi.	70	206	2.9	15	3
Carpenter, Rob, Giants	67	204	3.0	23	1
Washington, Joe, Wash.	44	190	4.3	40	1
Mitchell, Stump, St.L.	39	189	4.8	132	1
Ring B. y S.F.	48	183	3.8	11	1
Rogers, Jimmy, N.O.	60	178	3.0	32	2
Rodgers, Del, G.B.	46	175	3.8	13	1
Cann, Lynn, Atl.	54	173	3.2	8	1
Hamon, Clarence, Wash.	38	168	4.4	20	1
Williams, Doug, T.B.	35	158	4.5	14	2
Thasemann, Joe, Wash.	31	150	4.8	16	0
Neison, Darrin, Minn.	44	136	3.1	18	0
Bussey, Dexter, Del.	48	136	2.8	10	0
Lomax, Ne, St.L.	28	119	4.3	19	1
Montana, Joe, S.F.	30	118	3.9	21	1
Gatbreath Tony, Minn.	39	116	3.0	12	1
Robinson Bo, Atl.	19	108	5.7	16	0
McMahon Jim, Chi.	24	105	4.4	11	1
Lofton James, G.B.	4	101	25.3	183	1
Newsome, Tim, Dall.	15	98	6.5	25	1
Danielson Gary, Del.	23	92	4.0	16	0
White, Danny, Da.	17	91	5.4	21	0
Thomas, Jewell, Rams	16	80	5.0	11	0
Chatman, C.iff, Giants	22	80	3.6	13	2
Newhouse, Robert, Dal.	14	79	5.6	27	1
Gagan, Hokie, N.O.	19	77	4.1	12	0
Kramer, Tommy, Minn.	21	77	3.7	118	3
Cooper, Earl, S.F.	24	77	3.2	9	0
Jones Bert, Rams	11	73	6.6	17	0
Williams, Vinca, S.F.	20	68	3.4	12	0
King, Horace, Del.	18	67	3.7	25	0
Hipple, Eric, Del.	10	57	5.7	20	0
Young, Rickey, Minn.	16	49	3.1	11	1
Morris, Joe, Giants	15	48	3.2	7	1
McClendon, Willie, Chi.	17	47	2.8	13	0
Meade, Mike, G.B.	14	42	3.0	19	0
Harris, Leroy, Phil.	17	39	2.3	14	2
Wonsley, Otis, Wash.	11	36	3.3	7	0
Merkens, Guido, N.D.	9	30	3.3	19	0
Giamonna, Louie, Phil.	11	29	2.6	6	1
Jensen Jim, G.B.	9	28	3.1	10	0
Brunner Scott, Giants	19	27	1.4	10	1
Redden Barry, Rams.	8	24	3.0	7	0
Hill Tony, Dall.	1	22	22.0	22	0
Peoples, George, Da.	7	22	3.1	7	0
Gentry, Dennis, Chi.	4	21	5.3	9	0
Monk, Art, Wash.	7	21	3.0	14	0
Tyler Toussaint, N.O.	10	21	2.1	11	0
Huckleby Harian, G.B.	4	19	4.8	7	0
Dickey, Lynn, G.B.	13	19	1.5	11	0
Wehrli, Roger, St.L.	1	18	18.0	118	1
Cromwell, Nolan, Rams	1	17	17.0	117	1
Kane, Rick, Del.	7	17	2.4	6	0
Jefferson, John, G.B.	2	16	8.0	11	0
Thompson Leonard, Del.	2	16	8.0	13	0
Coveman, Greg, Minn.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Perry, Leon, Giants	3	14	4.7	15	0
Harrel, Willard, St.L.	4	14	3.5	8	0
Heater, Larry, Giants	3	13	4.3	8	0
Eddings, Floyd, Giants	2	12	6.0	16	0
Hodge, Floyd, Atl.	2	11	5.5	11	0
Walker Rick, Wash.	2	11	5.5	6	0
Easley, Walt, S.F.	5	11	2.2	5	0
Johnson, Butch, Dal.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Strong, Ray, Atl.	4	9	2.3	4	0
Jaworski Ron, Phi.	10	9	0.9	6	0
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	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Harper Roland, Chi.	3	7	2.3	8	0
Lawrence Amos, S.F.	5	7	1.4	4	0
DuPre, Billy Joe, Dall.	1	6	6.0	16	1
Jackson, Wilbur Wash.	4	6	1.5	2	0
Bright, Leon, Giants	1	5	5.0	5	0
Dils, Steve, Minn.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Giaquinto, Nick, Wash.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Hoover Me. Phil	1	5	5.0	5	0
Miler, Willie, Rams	1	5	5.0	5	0
Jackson Alred Al	1	4	4.0	4	0
Thomas Calvin, Chi.	5	4	0.8	3	0
Barkowski Steve Atl	13	4	0.3	10	1
Alexander, Robert Rams	1	3	3.0	3	0
Nichols, Mark, Det.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Moorehead Emery Chi	2	3	1.5	6	0
Morton Michael T.B.	2	3	1.5	2	0
Ferragamo, Vince, Rams	4	3	0.8	2	1
Campfield Billy Phil	1	2	2.0	2	0
Thompson Aundra, N.O.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Redwine Jarvis Minn	2	2	1.0	2	0
Battle, Ron, Rams	1	1	1.0	1	0
Giles, Jimmy, T.B.	1	1	1.0	1	0
Groth, Jeff, N.O.	1	1	1.0	1	0
Rubick, Rob, Det.	1	1	1.0	1	1
Evans, Vince, Chi.	2	0	0.0	6	0
Stachowicz, Ray G.B.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Hogeboom Gary Dall	3	0	0.0	0	0
House Kevin T.B.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
LeMaster, Frank, Phil	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Nehemiah, Renaldo, S.F.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Watts, Ricky, Chi.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Cosbie, Doug, Dall	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
LeCount Terry Minn	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
Stabler Ken, N.O.	3	-4	-1.3	0	0
Scott, Jenday N.O.	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0
Solomon Freddie, S.F.	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0

T = Touchdown Leader based on most yards gained

RECORDS

Number: 14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)
Yards: 301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949)
Longest return: 102 yards,
Bob Smith, Detroit (1949)
Erick Barnes, New York (1961)
TDs: 3, Dick Lynch, New York (1963)
3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)
3, Monte Jackson, Los Angeles (1978)
3, Rod Perry, Los Angeles (1978)
3, Ronnie Lott, San Francisco (1981)

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Detroit	18	154	8.6	38	1
Dallas	15	163	10.9	160	1
Philadelphia	15	42	2.8	120	1
Chicago	13	99	7.6	139	1
New York Giants	12	205	17.1	197	1
Green Bay	12	174	14.5	40	0
Minnesota	12	91	7.6	133	1
Tampa Bay	11	139	12.6	51	0
Los Angeles Rams	11	106	9.6	33	0
Washington	11	85	7.7	26	0
Atlanta	10	90	9.0	30	0
San Francisco	9	150	16.7	183	1
New Orleans	9	108	12.0	32	0
St. Louis	6	52	8.7	35	0

Watts, Everson, Dall.	7	61	8.7	37	0
Watkins, Bobby, Det.	5	22	4.4	20	0
Edwards, Herman, Phil	5	3	0.6	3	0
Jackson, Terry, Giants	4	75	18.8	37	0
Schmidt, Terry, Chi.	4	39	9.8	29	0
Teal, Willie, Minn.	4	15	3.8	13	0
Young, Royneil, Phil	4	0	0.0	0	0
Thurman, Dennis, Dall.	3	75	25.0	160	1
Cofzie, Neal, T.B.	3	64	21.3	51	0
Dean, Vernon, Wash.	3	62	20.7	26	0
Perry, Rod, Rams	3	57	19.0	33	0
Cromwell, Nolan, Rams	3	33	11.0	21	0
Brown, Cedric, T.B.	3	31	10.3	24	0

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Points: 155, Sino Cappelletti, Boston (1964)
TDs: 23, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1975)
FGs: 34, Jim Turner, New York (1968)
PATs: 64, George Blanda, Houston (1961)

SCORING

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
San Diego	34	15	19	0	32	34	16	22	2	288
Los Angeles Raiders	33	15	14	4	32	33	10	16	0	260
New York Jets	31	13	16	2	26	31	11	17	0	245
Cincinnati	27	13	12	2	26	27	14	18	1	232
Pittsburgh	25	7	17	1	22	24	10	12	1	204
Miami	22	11	8	3	21	22	15	20	0	198
Kansas City	17	3	10	4	17	17	19	24	0	176
Buffalo	18	9	8	1	15	18	9	18	0	150
Denver	16	6	8	2	15	16	11	13	2	148
New England	17	3	12	2	15	17	8	13	1	143
Cleveland	17	7	9	1	17	17	7	16	0	140
Houston	18	5	12	1	16	18	4	6	0	136
Seattle	14	4	9	1	13	14	10	14	0	127
Baltimore	12	4	6	2	11	11	10	18	0	113

KICKERS

	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Benirschke, Rolf, S.D.	32	34	16	22	80
Lowery, Nick, K.C.	17	17	19	24	74
Breech, Jim, Cin.	25	26	14	18	67
von Schumann Uwe, Mia.	21	22	15	20	66
Bahr Chris, Raiders	32	33	10	16	62
Leahy, Pat, Jets	26	31	11	17	59
Anderson, Gary, Pitt.	22	22	10	12	52
Karris, Rich, Den.	15	16	11	13	48
Johnson, Norm, Sea.	13	14	10	14	43
Bahr Matt, Clev.	17	17	7	15	38
Herrera, Efran, Buff.	11	12	8	14	35
Kempf Florian, Hou.	16	18	4	6	28
Miller Dan, N.E.-Balt.	9	10	8	11	27
Wood, Mike Balt.	6	6	6	10	24
Smith, John N.E.	6	7	5	8	21
Robinson Rex, N.E.	5	5	1	2	8
Mike-Mayer Nick, Buff.	4	5	1	4	7
Cox, Steve, Clev.	0	0	0	1	0

NON-KICKERS

	TD	R	P	M	PTS
Aren, Marcus, Raiders	14	11	3	0	84
Chandler Wes, S.D.	9	0	9	0	54
Muncie, Chuck, S.D.	9	8	1	0	54
Franklin, Andra Mia.	7	7	0	0	42
Johnson, Pete, Cin.	7	7	0	0	42
McNeil, Freeman Jets	7	6	1	0	42
Stalworth, John, Pitt	7	0	7	0	42
Brooks, James, S.D.	6	6	0	0	36
Casper, Dave, Hou.	6	0	6	0	36
Walker Wesley Jets	6	0	6	0	36
Winstlow Kellen, S.D.	6	0	6	0	36
Leaks, Roosevelt, Buff.	5	5	0	0	30
Jechurch, Rick, Den.	5	0	3	2	30
Anderson, Ken, Cin.	4	4	0	0	24
Augustyniak, Mike, Jets	4	4	0	0	24
Branch Cliff, Raiders	4	0	4	0	24
Buller, Jerry Buff.	4	0	4	0	24
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	4	0	4	0	24
Craft, Donald, Hou.	4	3	1	0	24
Smith, Jim, Pitt.	4	0	4	0	24
Coullins, Anthony, N.E.	3	1	2	0	18
Cribbs, Joe, Buff.	3	3	0	0	18
Feacher, Ricky, Clev.	3	0	3	0	18
Harris, M.L., Cin.	3	0	3	0	18

	TD	R	P	M	PTS
Hawkins, Frank, Raiders	3	2	1	0	18
Hawthorne, Greg, Pitt.	3	0	3	0	18
Jackson, Billy, K.C.	3	3	0	0	18
Largent, Steve, Sea.	3	0	3	0	18
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	3	0	3	0	18
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	3	0	3	0	18
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	3	0	3	0	18
Parros, Rick, Den.	3	1	2	0	18
Pruitt, Mike, Clev.	3	3	0	0	18
Rentiro, Mike, Hou.	3	0	3	0	18
Ross, Dan, Cin.	3	0	3	0	18
Shuler, Mickey, Jets	3	0	3	0	18
White, Charles, Clev.	3	3	0	0	18
Woodley, David, Mia.	3	2	1	0	18
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt.	2	2	0	0	12
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	2	1	1	0	12
Bouza, Matt, Balt.	2	0	2	0	12
Brammer, Mark, Buff.	2	0	2	0	12
Brown, Theobis, Sea.	2	2	0	0	12
Butler, Raymond, Balt.	2	0	2	0	12
Campbell, Earl, Hou.	2	2	0	0	12
Carr, Roger, Sea.	2	0	2	0	12
Carson, Carlos, K.C.	2	0	2	0	12
Cunningham, Bennie, Pitt.	2	0	2	0	12
Dierking, Scott, Jets	2	1	1	0	12
Dixon, Al, K.C.	2	0	2	0	12
Ferguson, Joe, Buff.	2	1	0	1	12
Hardy, Bruce, Mia.	2	0	2	0	12
Harris, Franco, Pitt	2	2	0	0	12
Jackson, Bobby, Jets	2	0	0	2	12
Jones, Johnny, Jets	2	0	2	0	12
King, Kenny, Raiders	2	2	0	0	12
Lewis, Frank, Buff.	2	0	2	0	12
Logan, Dave, Clev.	2	0	2	0	12
Pollard, Frank, Pitt.	2	2	0	0	12
Rose, Joe, Mia.	2	0	2	0	12
Toler, Ken, N.E.	2	0	2	0	12
Vigorito, Tom, Mia.	2	1	0	1	12
Walker, Byron, Sea.	2	0	2	0	12
Watson, Steve, Den.	2	0	2	0	12
Willhite, Gerald, Den.	2	2	0	0	12
Kreider, Steve, Cin.	1	0	1	0	6
Allen, Gary, Hou.	1	0	1	0	6
Barbero, Gary, K.C.	1	0	0	1	6
Barkum, Jerome, Jets	1	0	1	0	6
Beach, Pat, Balt.	1	0	1	0	6

	R	P	M	PTS	
Blackwood, Glenn, Mia	1	0	0	1	6
Bradshaw, Morris, N.E	1	0	1	0	6
Brown, Preston, N.E	1	0	1	0	6
Burrell, Clinton, Clev	1	0	0	1	6
Burroughs, Jim, Balt	1	0	0	1	6
Cefalo, Jimmy, Mia	1	0	1	0	6
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin	1	0	1	0	6
Crutchfield, Dwayne, Jets	1	1	0	0	6
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Davis, Mike, Raiders	1	0	0	1	6
Dawson, Lin, N.E	1	0	1	0	6
DeBerg, Steve, Den.	1	1	0	0	6
Dickey, Curtis, Balt	1	1	0	0	6
Dixon, Zachary, Balt	1	1	0	0	6
Fitzkee, Scott, S.D.	1	0	1	0	6
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	1	1	0	0	6
Gaffney, Derrick, Jets	1	0	1	0	6
Green, Gary, K.C.	1	0	0	1	6
Griffin, Archie, Cin.	1	1	0	0	6
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	1	1	0	0	6
Harf, Dino, Clev.	1	0	1	0	6
Hancock, Anthony K.C.	1	0	1	0	6
Harper, Bruce, Jets	1	0	1	0	6
Harris, Bo, Cin.	1	0	0	1	6
Harris, Daniel, Mia.	1	0	1	0	6
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AFC Statistics

RECORDS

Number: 105, Bob Scarpitta, Denver (1967)
Average: 46.2 yards, Dave Lewis, Cincinnati (1970)
Longest: 96 yards, Steve O'Neal, New York (1968)

	NO	YDS	LONG	AVG	TD	B.K.	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Prestridge, Luke, Den	45	2025	65	45.0	5	0	25	227	14	37.8
Stark, Robb, Balt	46	2044	60	44.4	12	0	26	226	8	34.3
Carnahan, Rich, M.E.	49	2140	76	43.7	5	0	26	191	10	37.7
Gossett, Jeff, K.C.	33	1366	56	41.4	5	0	20	247	6	30.9
James, John, Det. Hou	43	1741	56	40.5	4	0	27	195	7	34.1
Goodson, John, Pitt	49	1981	66	40.4	4	0	28	182	11	35.1
Guy, Ray, Raiders	47	1839	57	39.1	3	0	17	71	12	38.3
Cox, Steve, Clev	48	1877	52	39.1	6	1	30	216	11	31.4
McNally, Pat, C.N.	31	1201	53	38.7	4	0	17	68	7	34.0
Orosz, Tom, Mia	35	1353	61	38.7	4	0	14	77	11	34.2
Parsley, C. H., Hou	24	926	51	38.6	2	0	13	135	3	31.3
Ramsey, Chuck, Jets	35	1348	54	38.5	2	1	17	153	8	32.1
West, Jeff, Sea	48	1835	52	38.2	3	0	19	69	8	35.5
Caler, Greg, Buff	35	1328	61	37.9	1	0	10	30	13	36.5

PUNTING

RECORDS

Completions: 360, Dan Fouts, San Diego (1981)
TDs: 36, George Blanda, Houston (1961)
Yards: 4,802, Dan Fouts, San Diego (1981)
Longest for TD: 96 yards, Jacky Lee to William Dowdell (1962)

	Att	Comp	Pct Comp	Yards	Avg Gain	TD	Pct TD	Long	Inl	Pct Inl	Rating Points
Anderson, Ken, Cin	309	218	70.6	2495	8.07	12	3.9	156	9	2.9	95.5
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	330	204	61.8	2883	8.74	17	5.2	144	11	3.3	83.6
Todd, Richard, Jets	261	153	58.6	1961	7.51	14	5.4	156	8	3.1	87.3
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	122	66	54.1	930	7.62	7	5.7	162	4	3.3	84.2
Bradshaw, Terry, Pitt	240	127	52.9	1768	7.37	17	7.1	174	11	4.6	81.4
Punkett, Jim, Raiders	261	152	58.2	2035	7.80	14	5.4	52	15	5.7	77.3
Kenney, B.J., K.C.	169	95	56.2	1192	7.05	7	4.1	51	6	3.6	77.0
DeBerg, Steve, Den	223	131	58.7	1405	6.30	7	3.1	151	11	4.9	67.2
Nielsen, Gifford, Hou	161	87	54.0	1005	6.24	6	3.7	46	8	5.0	64.6
Woodley, David, Mia	179	98	54.7	1090	6.03	5	2.8	46	8	4.5	63.4
Paget, Mike, Balt	221	111	50.2	1281	5.80	5	2.3	153	7	3.2	62.4
Zorn, Jim, Sea	245	126	51.4	1540	6.29	7	2.9	50	11	4.5	62.1
Manning, Archie, N.O. Hou	132	67	50.8	880	6.67	6	4.5	154	8	8.1	61.8
Sipe, Brian, Clev	185	101	54.6	1064	5.75	4	2.2	140	8	4.3	61.0
McDonald, Paul, Clev	149	73	49.0	993	6.66	5	3.4	156	8	5.4	59.5
Ferguson, Joe, Buff	264	144	54.5	1597	6.05	7	2.7	47	16	6.1	56.3

AFC NON-QUALIFIERS (10 OR MORE ATTEMPTS)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Ryan, Pat, Jets	18	12	66.7	146	8.11
Krieg, Dave, Sea	78	49	62.8	501	6.42
Fuler, Steve, K.C.	93	49	52.7	665	7.15
Cavanaugh, Matt, N.E.	60	27	45.0	490	8.17
Humm, David, Balt	23	13	56.5	130	5.65
Herrmann, Mark, Den	60	32	53.3	421	7.02
Morton, Craig, Den	26	18	69.2	193	7.42
Strock, Don, Mia	55	30	54.5	306	5.56
Schneider, Art, Balt	37	17	45.9	197	5.32
Stoudt, Cliff, Pitt	35	14	40.0	154	4.40

KICKOFF RETURNS

RECORDS

Number: 55, Bruce Harper, New York (1978, 1979)
55, David Turner, Cincinnati (1978)
Yards: 1,317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)
Longest: 106 yards, Meland Smith, Kansas City (1967)
TDs: 3, Ray Clayborn, New England (1977)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Mosby, Mike, Buff	18	487	27.1	66	0
Pruitt, Greg, Raiders	14	371	26.5	55	0
Smith, Rocky, N.E.	24	567	23.6	198	1
Bohannon, Frederick, Pitt	14	329	23.5	57	0
Manning, Wade, Den	15	346	23.1	34	0
Brooks, James, S.D.	33	749	22.7	47	0
Walker, Dwight, Clev	13	295	22.7	36	0
Hancock, Anthony, K.C.	27	609	22.6	68	0
Tate, Rodney, Cin	14	314	22.4	55	0

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Ivory, Horace, Sea	10	224	22.4	30	0
Walker, Fulton, Mia	20	433	21.7	32	0
Roaches, Carl, Hou	21	441	21.0	45	0
Harper, Bruce, Jets	18	368	20.4	37	0
Verser, David, Cin	16	320	20.0	33	0
Sohn, Kurt, Jets	15	299	19.9	32	0
Willhite, Gerald, Den	17	337	19.8	26	0
Hall, Dino, Clev	22	430	19.5	32	0
Allen, Gary, Hou	15	292	19.5	38	0
Anderson, Larry, Balt	27	517	19.1	33	0
Montgomery, Cleotha, Raiders	17	312	18.4	39	0
Dixon, Zachary, Balt	11	197	17.9	27	0
Lane, Eric, Sea	11	172	15.6	32	0

NON-QUALIFIERS

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Holt, Robert, Buff	7	156	22.3	37	0
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt	7	139	19.9	46	0
Wilson, Steve, Den	6	123	20.5	30	0
Tullis, Willie, Hou	5	91	18.2	28	0
Young, Andre, S.D.	4	45	11.3	16	0

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AFC Statistics

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Johns, Paul, Sea	3	57	19.0	23	0
Piccone, Lou, Buff	3	50	16.7	23	0
Jodai, Jim, S.D.	3	45	15.0	16	0
McKnight, Ted, Buff	3	34	11.3	17	0
Bouza, Matt, Balt.	3	31	10.3	12	0
Heflin, Vince, Mia	2	49	24.5	31	0
Taylor, Greg, N.E.	2	46	23.0	27	0
McAister, Ken, Sea	2	41	20.5	21	0
Thompson, Debert, K.C.	2	41	20.5	23	0
W. son, Tim, Hou.	2	40	20.0	26	0
Whittington, Arthur, Buff	2	39	19.5	21	0
French, Ernest, Pitt	2	38	19.0	26	0
Sydnor, Willie, Pitt	2	37	18.5	20	0
Brown, Theotis, Sea	2	33	16.5	19	0
Roquemore, Durwood, K.C.	2	25	12.5	18	0
Bauer, Hank, S.D.	2	24	12.0	15	0
Hill, Ken, Raiders	2	20	10.0	17	0
Nicholas, Scott, Clev	2	16	8.0	10	0
Cherry, Deron, K.C.	1	39	39.0	39	0
Jensen, Derrick, Raiders	1	27	27.0	27	0
Riley, Avon, Hou.	1	27	27.0	27	0
Dombroski, Paul, N.E.	1	19	19.0	19	0
Brown, Curtis, Buff	1	17	17.0	17	0
Hughes, David, Sea	1	17	17.0	17	0
Sievers, Eric, S.D.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Diana, Richard, Mia	1	15	15.0	15	0
Lee, Keith, N.E.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Green, Dave, Clev	1	13	13.0	13	0
Mullen, Matt, Raiders	1	13	13.0	13	0
Uecker, Keith, Den	1	12	12.0	12	0
Watts, Chester, Raiders	1	11	11.0	11	0
Bell, Ricky, S.D.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Kozlowski, Mike, Mia	1	10	10.0	10	0
Fuller, Mike, Cin.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Keating, Chris, Buff	1	9	9.0	9	0
Donnelley, Rick, Pitt	1	8	8.0	8	0
Franklin, Cleveland, Balt.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Mangione, Dino, K.C.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Thomassell, Rich, Hou.	1	7	7.0	7	0

l = Touchdown l = Lateral
Leader based on average return, minimum 9 returns

RECORDS

Number: 68, J.T. Smith, Kansas City (1979)
Yards: 655, Neal Colzie, Oakland (1975)
Longest for TD: 95 yards,
Les Ouscan, San Diego (1968)

PUNT RETURNS

	NO.	FC YARDS	AVG.	LONG	TD	
Upchurch, Rick, Den.	15	3	242	16.1	178	2
Brooks, James, S.D.	12	4	138	11.5	29	0
Johns, Paul, Sea	19	10	210	11.1	37	0
Woods, Rick, Pitt	13	2	142	10.9	20	0
Vigorito, Tom, Mia	20	5	192	9.6	159	1
Smith, Ricky, N.E.	16	8	139	8.7	19	0
Hancock, Anthony, K.C.	12	5	103	8.6	30	0
Harper, Bruce, Jets	23	5	184	8.0	24	0
Sydnor, Willie, Pitt	22	3	172	7.8	21	0
Pruitt, Greg, Raiders	27	7	209	7.7	25	0
Fuller, Mike, Cin.	17	8	95	5.6	13	0
Mosley, Mike, Buff	11	6	61	5.5	18	0
Roaches, Carl, Hou.	19	4	104	5.5	25	0
Walker, Dwight, Clev	19	6	101	5.3	14	0
Holt, Robert, Buff	10	0	45	4.5	21	0

Anderson, Larry, Balt.	8	3	54	6.8	28	0
Willhite, Gerald, Den.	6	4	63	10.5	23	0
Halt, Dino, Clev.	4	0	33	8.3	10	0
Glasgow, Nesby, Balt.	4	5	24	6.0	8	0
Hooks, Roland, Buff	4	0	13	3.3	8	0
Smith, J.T., K.C.	3	1	26	8.7	16	0
Blackwood, Glenn, Mia	2	0	2	1.0	2	0
Bouza, Matt, Balt.	2	5	0	0.0	0	0
Easley, Ken, Sea	1	2	15	15.0	15	0
Johnson, Greg, Sea	1	2	3	3.0	3	0
Merrweather, Mike, Pitt	1	0	3	3.0	3	0
Simpson, Bill, Buff	1	0	0	0.0	0	0

l = Touchdown Leader based on average return, minimum 9 returns

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RECORDS PASS RECEIVING

Receptions: 101, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1964)
Yards: 1,745, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1961)
TDs: 17, Bill Groman, Houston (1961)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Winslow, Ken S.D.	54	721	13.4	40	6
Chandler, Wes S.D.	49	1032	21.1	166	9
Colinsworth, Chris C.N.	49	700	14.3	50	1
Newsome, Ozzie, Cleve	49	633	12.9	54	3
Ross, Dan, Cin.	47	508	10.8	28	3
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	42	510	12.1	50	4
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	40	549	13.7	144	3
Walker, Wes, Jets	39	620	15.9	156	6
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	38	401	10.6	151	3
Parros, Rick, Den.	37	259	7.0	24	2
Casper, Dave, Hou.	36	573	15.9	38	6
Watson, Steve, Den.	36	555	15.4	41	2
Joiner, Charlie S.D.	36	545	15.1	43	0
Largent, Steve, Sea	34	493	14.5	45	3
White, Charles, Cleve	34	283	8.3	36	0
Johnson, Pete, Cin.	31	267	8.6	25	0
Harris, Franco, Pitt.	31	249	8.0	20	0
Branch, Cliff, Raiders	30	575	19.2	51	4
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	28	584	20.9	175	3
Lewis, Frank, Buff.	28	443	15.8	39	2
Feacher, Ricky, Cleve.	28	408	14.6	46	3
Carson, Carlos, K.C.	27	494	18.3	51	2
Stalworth, John, Pitt.	27	441	16.3	174	7
Upchurch, Rick, Den.	26	407	15.7	151	3
Bailey, Harold, Hou.	26	367	14.1	27	0
Butler, Jerry, Buff.	26	336	12.9	47	4
White, Gerald, Den.	26	227	8.7	27	0
Brammer, Mark, Buff.	25	225	9.0	22	2
Muncie, Chuck, S.D.	25	207	8.3	39	1
Augustyniak, Mike, Jets	24	189	7.9	15	0
Vigorito, Tom, Mia.	24	186	7.8	26	0
Barnwell, Malcolm, Raiders	23	387	16.8	52	0
Logan, Dave, Cleve.	23	346	15.0	156	2
Curtis, Isaac, Cin.	23	320	13.9	45	1
Craft, Donald, Hou.	23	230	10.0	49	1
Harris, Daniel, Mia.	22	331	15.0	45	1
Bolza, Matt, Balt.	22	287	13.0	34	2
Doomink, Dan, Sea	22	176	8.0	44	0
Giffin, Archie, Cin.	22	172	7.8	22	0
Pratt, M. Cleve	22	140	6.4	13	0
Renfro, Mike, Hou.	21	295	14.0	154	3
Shawlin, Tim, Balt.	21	280	13.3	33	0
Cunningham, Bennie, Pitt.	21	277	13.2	31	2
Dickey, Curtis, Balt.	21	228	10.9	34	0
Dixon, Zachary, Balt.	20	185	9.3	24	0
Smith, Sherman, Sea.	19	196	10.3	39	0
Collins, Anthony, N.E.	19	187	9.8	33	2
Barkum, Jerome, Jets	19	182	9.6	29	1
Jones, Johnny, Jets	18	294	16.3	51	2
Swann, Lynn, Pitt.	18	265	14.7	60	0
Dixon, Al, K.C.	18	251	13.9	37	2
Campbell, Earl, Hou.	18	139	7.2	46	0
Smith, Jim, Pitt.	17	387	22.8	51	4
Cefalo, Jimmy, Mia.	17	356	20.9	46	1
Butler, Raymond, Balt.	17	268	15.8	153	2
Kreider, Steve, Cin.	16	230	14.4	28	1
McNe, Freeman, Jets	16	187	11.7	132	1
Ross, Joe, Mia.	16	182	11.4	44	2
Nathan, Tony, Mia.	16	114	7.1	16	0
Carr, Roger, Sea.	15	265	17.7	50	2
Johns, Paul, Sea	15	234	15.6	35	1
Hasselbeck, Don, N.E.	15	158	10.5	41	1
Metzelaars, Pete, Sea.	15	152	10.1	26	0
McMillan, Randy, Balt.	15	90	6.0	17	0
Harper, Bruce, Jets.	14	177	12.6	139	1
Preston, Dave, Den.	14	134	9.6	20	0
Hadnot, James, K.C.	14	96	6.9	28	0
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	14	85	6.1	14	1
Dawson, Len, N.E.	13	160	12.3	26	1
Cobbis, Joe, Buff.	13	99	7.6	31	0
Leaks, Roosevelt, Buff.	13	91	7.0	11	0

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Brooks, James, S.D.	13	66	5.1	12	0
Hawthorne, Greg, Pitt.	12	182	15.2	146	3
Stevens, Eric, S.D.	12	173	14.4	26	1
Piccone, Lou, Buff.	12	140	11.7	29	0
Brown, Theotis, Sea	12	95	7.9	18	0
Dierking, Scott, Jets	12	80	6.7	113	1
Armstrong, Adger, Hou.	12	75	6.3	14	0
Hardy, Bruce, Mia.	12	66	5.5	19	2
Gaffney, Derrick, Jets	11	207	18.8	145	1
Hughes, David, Sea.	11	98	8.9	129	1
Winder, Sammy, Den.	11	83	7.5	22	0
DeLaney, Joe, K.C.	11	53	4.8	13	0
Smith, J.T., K.C.	10	168	16.8	51	1
Walker, Byron, Sea	10	156	15.6	140	2
Harris, M.L., Cin.	10	103	10.3	117	3
Egloff, Ron, Den.	10	96	9.6	17	0
Wright, James, Den.	9	120	13.3	39	1
Mosley, Mike, Buff.	9	96	10.7	31	0
Franklin, Cleveland, Balt.	9	61	6.8	15	0
King, Kenny, Raiders	9	57	6.3	20	0
Edwards, Stan, Hou.	9	53	5.9	21	0
Tice, Mike, Sea	9	46	5.1	12	0
Walker, Dwight, Cleve	8	136	17.0	46	0
Shuler, Mickey, Jets.	8	132	16.5	51	3
Sawyer, John, Sea.	8	92	11.5	17	0
Moore, Nat, Mia.	8	82	10.3	23	1
Odums, Ray, Den.	8	82	10.3	18	0
Scott, Willie, K.C.	8	49	6.1	13	1
Hancock, Anthony, K.C.	7	116	16.6	141	1
Henry, Bernard, Balt.	7	110	15.7	23	0
Tuttle, Perry, Buff.	7	107	15.3	26	0
Cappelletti, John, S.D.	7	48	6.9	22	0
Hawkins, Frank, Raiders	7	35	5.0	9	1
Bradshaw, Morris, N.E.	6	111	18.5	48	1
Scales, Dwight, S.D.	6	105	17.5	129	1
Polard, Frank, Pitt.	6	39	6.5	11	0
Brown, Curtis, Buff.	6	38	6.3	28	0
Hi, Eddie, Mia.	6	33	5.5	10	0
Holston, Michael, Hou.	5	116	23.2	138	1
Hall, Dino, Cleve.	5	78	15.6	31	1
Sweeney, Calvin, Pitt.	5	50	10.0	17	0
Jackson, Billy, K.C.	5	41	8.2	13	0
Ivory, Horace, Sea	5	38	7.6	12	0
Brown, Preston, N.E.	4	114	28.5	41	1
Verser, David, Cin.	4	98	24.5	156	1
Beach, Pat, Balt.	4	45	11.3	17	1
Holt, Robert, Buff.	4	45	11.3	23	0
Barnett, Buster, Buff.	4	39	9.8	22	0
Muhammad, Calvin, Raiders	3	92	30.7	43	1
Fitzkee, Scott, S.D.	3	47	15.7	118	1
Manning, Wade, Den.	3	46	15.3	30	0
Jones, Bobby, Jets	3	32	10.7	17	0
Weather, Robert, N.E.	3	24	8.0	22	0
Miller, Cleo, Cleve	3	20	6.7	11	0
Holman, Rodney, Cin.	3	18	6.0	10	1
Franklin, Andra, Mia.	3	9	3.0	6	0
Duckworth, Bobby, S.D.	2	77	38.5	55	0
Toler, Ken, N.E.	2	63	31.5	133	2
Smith, Holden, Balt.	2	36	18.0	23	0
Allen, Gary, Hou.	2	35	17.5	123	1
Prull, Greg, Raiders.	2	29	14.5	23	1
Rome, Stan, K.C.	2	25	12.5	16	0
Diana, Richard, Mia.	2	21	10.5	13	0
Gaines, Clark, K.C.	2	17	8.5	10	0
van Egghen, Mark, N.E.	2	14	7.0	9	1
Lee, Ronnie, Mia.	2	6	3.0	5	0
McCall, Reese, Balt.	2	6	3.0	4	0
Zorn, Jim, Sea.	1	27	27.0	27	0
Woodley, David, Mia.	1	15	15.0	115	1
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Wright, Johnnie, Balt.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Davis, Russel, Pitt.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Lytle, Rob, Den.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Fulton, Danny, Cleve	1	9	9.0	9	0
Moore, Booker, Buff.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Thomaselli, Rich, Hou.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Newton, Tom, Jets	1	7	7.0	7	0
Bledsoe, Curtis, K.C.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Jones, Cedric, N.E.	1	5	5.0	5	0

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Krauss, Barry, Balt.	1	5	5.0	15	1
Hastett, Jim, Buff.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Oden, McDonald, Clev.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Thomson, Sidney, Pitt.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Pinnery, Ray, Pitt.	1	3	3.0	13	1
Jodati, Jim, S.D.	1	0	0.0	0	0

t = Touchdown Leader based on most passes caught

	YARDS	NO	AVG	LONG	TD
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	1032	49	21.1	66	9
Winslow, Keiten, S.D.	721	54	13.4	40	6
Collinsworth, Cns, Cin.	700	49	14.3	50	1
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	633	49	12.9	54	3
Walker, Wesley, Jets	620	39	15.9	156	6
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	584	28	20.9	175	3
Branch, Cliff, Raiders	575	30	19.2	51	4
Casper, Dave, Hou.	573	36	15.9	38	6
Walson, Steve, Den.	555	36	15.4	41	2
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	549	40	13.7	144	3
Joiner, Charlie, S.D.	545	36	15.1	43	0
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	510	42	12.1	50	4
Ross, Dan, Cin.	508	47	10.8	28	3
Carson, Carlos, K.C.	494	27	18.3	51	2
Largen, Steve, Sea.	493	34	14.5	45	3
Lewis, Frank, Buff.	443	28	15.8	39	2
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	441	27	16.3	174	7
Feacher, Ricky, Clev.	408	28	14.6	46	3
Upchurch, Rick, Den.	407	26	15.7	151	3
Allen, Marcus, Raiders.	401	38	10.6	151	3
Smith, Jim, Pitt.	387	17	22.8	51	4
Barnwell, Malcolm, Raiders	387	23	16.8	52	0
Bailey, Harold, Hou.	367	26	14.1	27	0
Celalo, Jimmy, Mia.	356	17	20.9	46	1
Logan, Dave, Clev.	346	23	15.0	156	2

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TDs: 19, Earl Campbell, Houston (1979)
19, Chuck Muncie, San Diego (1981)

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	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Buffalo	319	1,371	4.3	182	9
New England	324	1,347	4.2	54	9
Miami	333	1,344	4.0	133	11
New York Jets	304	1,317	4.3	48	13
Pittsburgh	289	1,187	4.1	34	7
San Diego	267	1,121	4.2	148	16
Los Angeles Raiders	292	1,080	3.7	53	15
Baltimore	293	1,044	3.6	32	4
Denver	257	1,018	4.0	23	6
Cincinnati	269	949	3.5	21	13
Kansas City	269	943	3.5	36	3
Cleveland	256	873	3.4	118	7
Houston	225	799	3.6	24	5
Seattle	227	795	3.5	46	4
McNair, Freeman, Jets	151	786	5.2	48	6
Franklin, Andra, Mia.	177	701	4.0	125	7
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	160	697	4.4	53	11
Cribbs, Joe, Buff.	134	633	4.7	162	3
Carls, Anthony, N.E.	164	632	3.9	54	1
Johnson, Pete, Cin.	156	622	4.0	21	7
Harris, Franco, Pitt.	140	604	4.3	21	2
Muncie, Chuck, S.D.	138	569	4.1	27	8
Campbell, Earl, Hou.	157	538	3.4	22	2
Pratt, Mike, Clev.	143	516	3.6	17	3
Brooks, James, S.D.	87	430	4.9	148	6
Leaks, Roosevelt, Buff.	97	405	4.2	17	5
van Eggen, Mark, N.E.	82	386	4.7	17	0
DeLaney, Joe, K.C.	95	380	4.0	36	0
Whitely, Gerald, Den.	70	347	5.0	23	2
McMillan, Randy, Balt.	101	305	3.0	13	1
Parros, Rick, Den.	77	277	3.6	14	1
King, Kenny, Raiders.	69	264	3.8	21	2
Winder, Sammy, Den.	67	259	3.9	18	1

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
White, Charles, Clev.	69	259	3.8	118	3
Dixon, Zachary, Balt.	58	249	4.3	32	1
Jackson, Billy, K.C.	86	243	2.8	18	3
Poward, Frank, Pitt.	62	238	3.8	18	2
Nathan, Tony, Mia.	66	233	3.5	15	1
Dickey, Curtis, Balt.	66	232	3.5	25	1
Woodley, David, Mia.	36	207	5.8	29	2
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	64	207	3.2	18	1
Smith, Sherman, Sea.	63	202	3.2	19	0
Brown, Curtis, Buff.	41	187	4.6	19	0
Doomink, Dan, Sea.	45	178	4.0	46	0
Augustyniak, Mike, Jets	50	178	3.6	16	4
Hadnot, James, K.C.	46	172	3.7	25	0
Tatupu, Mose, N.E.	30	168	5.6	26	0
Franklin, Cleveland, Balt.	43	152	3.5	19	0
Brown, Theotis, Sea.	53	141	2.7	17	2
Dierking, Scott, Jets	38	130	3.4	11	1
Harper, Bruce, Jets.	20	125	6.3	40	0
Zorn, Jim, Sea.	15	113	7.5	35	1
Hughes, David, Sea.	30	106	3.5	13	0
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt.	21	100	4.8	34	2
Vigorito, Tom, Mia.	19	99	5.2	133	1
Manning, Archie, N.O. Hou.	13	85	6.5	24	0
Anderson, Ken, Cin.	25	85	3.4	112	4
Weather, Robert, N.E.	24	83	3.5	18	1
Page, Mike, Balt.	19	82	4.3	32	1
Cappelletti, John, S.D.	22	82	3.7	17	0
Preston, Dave, Den.	19	81	4.3	13	0
Crutfield, Dwayne, Jets	22	78	3.5	8	1
Davis, Russell, Pitt.	24	72	3.0	9	0
Hawthorne, Greg, Pitt.	15	68	4.5	11	0
Milner, Cleo, Clev.	16	61	3.8	17	0
Edwards, Stan, Hou.	15	58	3.9	8	0
Fuier, Steve, K.C.	10	56	5.6	12	0
Hawkins, Frank, Raiders	27	54	2.0	11	2
Hill, Eddie, Mia.	13	51	3.9	13	0
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Ferguson, Joe, Buff.	16	46	2.9	13	1
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Kenney, Bill, K.C.	13	40	3.1	12	0
Griffin, Archie, Cin.	12	39	3.3	110	1
Moore, Booker, Buff.	16	38	2.4	9	0
Hansen, Gifford, Hou.	9	37	4.1	9	0
Poole, Nathan, Den.	7	36	5.1	20	0
Thomson, Sidney, Pitt.	6	33	5.5	13	1
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	5	32	6.4	21	0
Diana, Richard, Mia.	8	31	3.9	7	0
Stoudt, Cliff, Pitt.	11	28	2.5	8	0
DeBerg, Steve, Den.	8	27	3.4	16	1
Swann, Lynn, Pitt.	1	25	25.0	25	0
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	3	25	8.3	16	0
Barber, Marion, Jets	8	24	3.0	4	0
Hooks, Roland, Buff.	5	23	4.6	9	0
Pruttl, Greg, Raiders.	4	22	5.5	13	0
Kolter, Matt, Buff.	2	21	10.5	12	0
Cunningham, Sam, N.E.	9	21	2.3	4	0
Bedsos, Curt, K.C.	10	20	2.0	5	0
Barnwell, Malcolm, Raiders	2	18	9.0	14	0
Curtis, Isaac, Cin.	3	15	5.0	8	0
Williams, Chester, Raiders.	6	15	2.5	5	0
Whittington, Arthur, Buff.	7	15	2.1	4	0
Armstrong, Adger, Hou.	8	15	1.9	5	0
Bennett, Woody, Mia.	9	15	1.7	5	0
Hall, Dino, Clev.	2	14	7.0	13	0
Bailey, Harold, Hou.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Harris, Daniel, Mia.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Branch, Cliff, Raiders	2	10	5.0	7	0
Butler, Raymond, Balt.	3	10	3.3	10	0
Bradshaw, Terry, Pitt.	8	10	1.3	6	0
Stalworth, John, Pitt.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Casper, Dave, Hou.	2	9	9.5	8	0
Largen, Steve, Sea.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Stark, Robin, Balt.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	9	8	0.9	9	1
Hermann, Mark, Den.	3	7	2.3	16	1
Jodati, Jim, S.D.	3	7	2.3	3	0
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Ferguson, Vagas, N.E.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Toler, Ken, N.E.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Cowan, Larry, Mia-N.E.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Holt, Robert, Buff.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Schlichter, Art, Balt.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Wright, Johnnie, Balt.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Cavanaugh, Matt, N.E.	1	3	1.5	3	0
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	2	3	1.5	3	0
Davis, Johnny, Clev.	4	3	0.8	2	1
Taylor, Billy, Raiders	4	3	0.8	2	0
Jones, Johnny, Jets	1	2	2.0	2	0
Allen, Gary, Hou.	2	2	1.0	9	0
Lyle, Rob, Den.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Tate, Rodney, Cin.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Versar, David, Cin.	1	1	1.0	1	0
Games, Clark, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Shuddard, Les, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Johns, Paul, Sea.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Ryan, Pat, Jets	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Krieg, Dave, Sea.	6	-3	-0.5	4	0
Guy, Ray, Raiders	2	-3	-1.5	7	0
Harris, M.L., Cin.	2	-3	-1.5	5	0
Walston, Steve, Den.	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0
Wright, James, Den.	1	-4	-4.0	-4	0
Todd, Richard, Jets	13	-5	-0.4	17	1
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	1	-6	-6.0	-6	0
Schoner, Turk, Cin.	3	-8	-2.7	-3	0
Strock, Don, Mia	1	9	9.0	0	0
Upchurch, Rick, Den.	1	10	5.0	3	0
Cox, Steve, Clev.	2	-11	-5.5	0	0

Number: 13, Lester Hayes, Oakland (1980)
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Louis Breeden, Cincinnati (1981)
TDs: 4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971)
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	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Miami	19	281	14.8	36	2
Los Angeles Raiders	18	356	19.8	60	3
New York Jets	17	261	15.4	67	1
Pittsburgh	17	127	7.5	30	0
Cleveland	17	102	6.0	24	1
Cincinnati	14	240	17.1	62	2
Seattle	13	160	12.3	44	1
San Diego	13	148	11.4	35	0
Buffalo	13	122	9.4	24	0
Kansas City	12	208	17.3	156	3
New England	12	176	14.7	199	1
Denver	12	106	8.8	29	0
Baltimore	5	150	30.0	194	1
Houston	3	47	15.7	31	0
Riley, Ken, Cin.	5	88	17.6	156	1
Jackson, Bobby, Jets	5	84	16.8	177	1
Woodruff, Dwayne, Pitt.	5	53	10.6	30	0
Shell, Donnie, Pitt.	5	27	5.4	18	0
Fox, Tim, S.D.	4	103	25.8	35	0
Owens, Burgess, Raiders	4	56	14.0	35	0
Easley, Ken, Sea.	4	48	12.0	44	0
Simpson, Bill, Buff.	4	45	11.3	24	0
McNeal, Don, Mia	4	42	10.5	23	1
Harris, John, Sea.	4	33	8.3	18	0
Haynes, Mike, N.E.	4	26	6.5	26	0
Dixon, Harford, Clev.	4	22	5.5	22	0
Johnson, Lawrence, Clev.	4	17	4.3	17	0
Ray, Darroll, Jets	3	91	30.3	44	0
Millen, Matt, Raiders	3	77	25.7	60	0
Harris, Eric, K.C.	3	66	22.0	156	1
Marlin, Rod, Raiders	3	60	20.0	139	1
Walker, Fulton, Mia	3	54	18.0	30	0
Barbaro, Gary, K.C.	3	48	16.0	143	1
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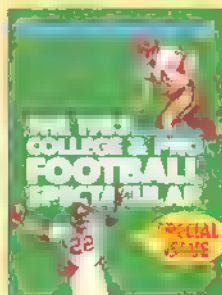
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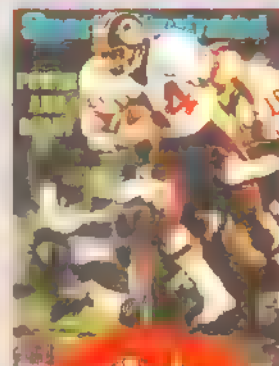
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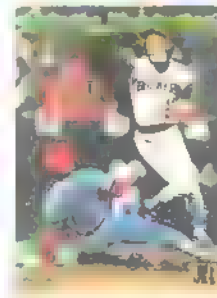
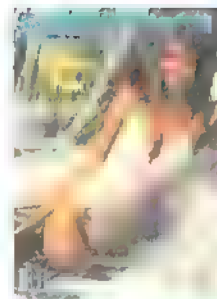
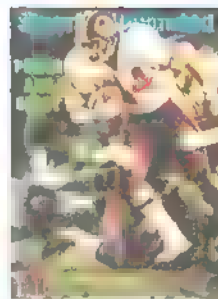
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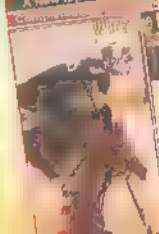
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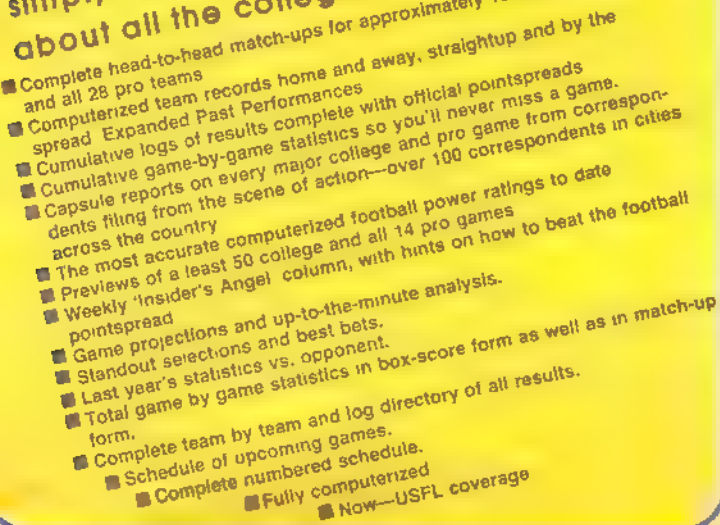
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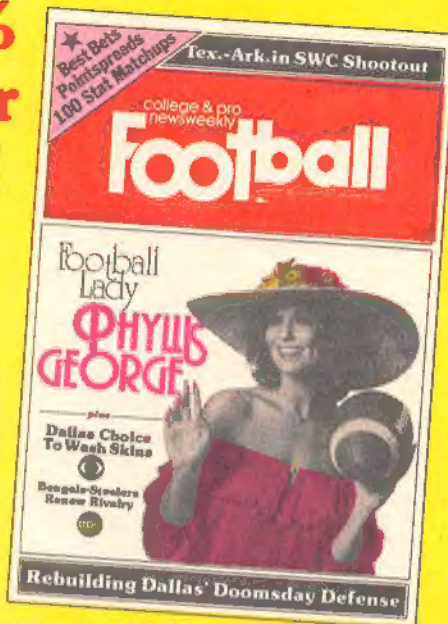


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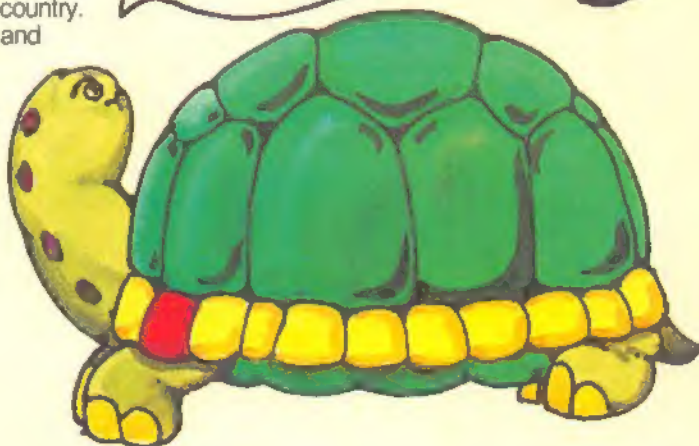
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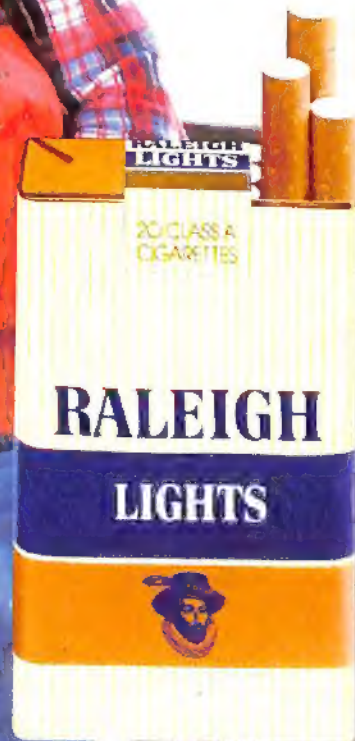
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